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# WILSON'S SEED CATALOGUE

## PLANT, TREE AND LIVE STOCK ANNUAL.

### A Spray of the GOLDEN RAMBLER ROSE

No floral novelty introduced within the last decade has created more sensation than the GOLDEN YELLOW RAMBLER ROSE. It originated with Mr. Lambert, the largest rose-grower in Europe. A seedling of the Japanese Polyantha Sarmientosa crossed with the pollen of the Noisette, and a near relation to the Crimson Rambler, and is the most beautiful climbing rose in existence. Perfectly hardy and extremely fragrant. Strong plants, by mail, 60 cents each; two for \$1.00.

### A Spray of the SILVER RAMBLER ROSE

For rapid growth, abundance of bloom and delicious fragrance, this is fully equal to the Golden Rambler. The buds, when first opening, have a delicate silvery tint, turning to pure white when full blown. The flowers are of great substance, lasting a long time, and of such a delightful fragrance that a single rose will perfume the air for yards around. Hardy in any climate. Strong plants, by mail, at 40 cents each; three for \$1.00.



### THE CRIMSON RAMBLER ROSE

This has been so widely advertised in the past two years that it needs no comment from us. Suffice it to say that it has won more gold medals in this country and in Europe from the Horticultural Societies than any flower of recent introduction. 300 blooms have been counted on one shoot. Hardy and rapid grower. Strong plants, by mail, 20 cents each; three for 50 cents.

### A Splendid Collection of Climbing Roses

For covering screens, arbors, lattice work, or trailing to posts, sheds or fences, nothing could equal the above-named climbing Roses. They are all hardy, rapid growers, soon attaining a height of ten to twelve feet, and are covered with bloom all through the season. Each will be sent separately by mail for prices annexed, or

ALL THREE for \$1.00

## SAMUEL WILSON

Mechanicsville

.. SEEDSMAN AND FLORIST ..

Bucks Co., Pa.

A. H. SICKLER & CO. PHILA.



# ASPARAGUS

We want our customers to remember that we are **Headquarters for Asparagus Roots**, and raise them by hundreds of thousands. Having made a thorough test of all known varieties, we have catalogued only the best. Everyone should raise Asparagus. It is not only delicious for the table but also extremely healthful and nutritious. When rightly understood, the cultivation of Asparagus requires no more trouble or care than growing corn or potatoes. Besides, when once planted it will last for years. A small patch rightly planted and cared for will furnish a family all they can use through the season. To enable all who are not acquainted with the cultivation of this valuable vegetable to acquire all the information they want for growing Asparagus successfully, we have prepared a small treatise, **How to grow Asparagus**, which we will send free with every order for roots or seed. Besides being a most useful vegetable for private families, Asparagus is the most profitable kind to grow for market purposes, as it always commands a ready sale at good paying prices. Fortunes have been made in raising Asparagus. Our prices will be found remarkably low for first-class stock.



**New Columbian Mammoth White.**

**THE NEW COLUMBIAN MAMMOTH WHITE ASPARAGUS** stands at the head of the list. The originator claims that one root of the Columbian White Asparagus will produce more and finer stalks, of better quality, than five of the old Conover's Colossal. The root throws up numerous shoots (see cut) of a pearly-white color, which are unusually rich, tender and succulent. The shoots are uncommonly thick and tender, with no woody fibre. A dozen of these mammoth shoots make a good-sized bunch. Strong, one-year-old plants, by mail, prepaid, doz., 25c.; 40 for 70c.; 100 for \$1.20. By express or freight, not prepaid, strong, 2-year-old roots, hundred, 75c.; thousand, \$5.00. **Special prices on large quantities.**

**PALMETTO.** Next to Columbian Mammoth White Asparagus comes the Palmetto. This excellent variety originated in the South and is more especially adapted for a warm climate than any other, although it is a great favorite with many northern asparagus growers. The stalks or shoots are a beautiful pearly color, shoots of immense size, a bunch of fifteen shoots often weighing two pounds. The quality is excellent. By mail, prepaid, doz., 20c.; 40 plants, 65c.; 100 for \$1.00. By freight or express, 2-year-old roots, 60c.; hundred, \$4.50; thousand, two thousand or more, \$4.00 per thousand.

**BARR'S MAMMOTH.** An old, well-tried and popular variety, shoots often one inch in diameter. Very quick growth, excellent quality and very productive. Strong, one-year-old roots, by mail, prepaid, doz., 20c.; hundred, 65c. By express, not prepaid, two-year-old roots, hundred, 50c.; thousand, \$3.50; two thousand or more, \$3.25 per thousand.

**DONALD'S ELMIRA.** A strong-growing variety, resembling the old Conover's Colossal, quicker growth, larger shoots and more productive than that old and once popular variety. Price same as Barr's Mammoth.

**ASPARAGUS SEED.** Asparagus can easily be raised from the seed. It takes one year longer to get a crop than to plant the roots. We offer seed of any of the above varieties. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 30c.; lb., 70c.



**The Texarkana.**

## The Only True Vineless Sweet Potato

After repeated experiments and a thorough trial of all kinds, we have come to the conclusion that the **TEXARKANA** is the only true vineless Sweet Potato in this country. The General Grant and some other varieties, after a few years' growth, are all inclined to take after native stock and make short runners or vines, but the **Texarkana** has never yet shown any disposition to make any runners whatever. The tops stand up straight to the height of eighteen inches, with a finely cut leaf, unlike any other sweet potato. The tubers lie compact in the hill (see cut), fair to large size, skin a rich dark cream color, flesh rich yellow, dry, sweet and of the best possible flavor. They are excellent keepers and very productive. Immense crops can be raised to the acre, as they can be planted much closer than other varieties and require much less labor in cultivating. Tubers, by mail, prepaid, lb., 40c.; 3 lbs., \$1.00. Plants any time after April 10th, by mail, prepaid, doz., 25c.; 50 for 75c.; 100 for \$1.25. By express, not prepaid, hundred, \$1.00; thousand, \$8.00.

**COMMON VARIETIES OF SWEET POTATO PLANTS**, ready after May 1st. **Red and Yellow Nausemond**, Southern Queen, Red Bermuda. By mail, prepaid, each, doz., 20c.; hundred, 75c. By express, not prepaid, hundred 40c.; thousand, \$3.00; 500 at thousand rates.

**CABBAGE PLANTS**, ready by April 1st. Early varieties: Etampes, Jersey Wakefield, Early All-Head, Early Winningstadt. By mail, doz., 15c.; hundred, 60c. By express, hundred, 30c.; thousand, \$2.50.

**TOMATO, EGG AND PEPPER PLANTS**, ready after May 1st. Varieties: New York Purple Egg Plants, Ruby King Pepper plants, Bond's Minnesota, Ford Hook Early, Truckers Favorite, Early Dwarf Champion and Matchless Tomatoes. All, by mail, prepaid, doz., 25c.; 50 for 80c. By express, not prepaid, 50 for 60c.; 100 for \$1.00.

**DON'T FAIL TO READ THE YELLOW CIRCULAR IN THIS CATALOGUE.**



# Wilson's Seed, Plant and Live Stock Annual, 1897



**TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS.** The year 1897 dawns upon us with a more cheering aspect than any within the last five years. Many of the products of the farm have advanced in price and others are sure to follow. The laboring class, who have been so long idle, are being employed at satisfactory wages. This will put the long-hoarded money in circulation which will all go to raise prices on farm products. These periods of depression and prosperity have always occurred and are about as sure to follow as the sun is to rise and set. Philosophers and politicians will give their reasons, but neither have yet stopped the occurrences for any great length of time. The last four years have been terribly hard on the farmers, and consequently on the seedsmen as well. As the latter depends on the tiller of the soil to buy his goods, one cannot prosper without the other. Within the last four years there have been more failures among the seedsmen than any other class of people, according to their number. None have made any money and but few have kept their own. At the solicitations of many of our customers, we have inserted a picture of ourself in our catalogue this year. Although we are decidedly opposed to these kind of illustrations, yet, we thought it right that our customers should know what kind of a looking man has been supplying them with seeds for so long a time. Many who started in with us nearly a quarter of a century ago have gone to their long homes. Yet there are many left, and we are thankful that they still stay with us, and that we are still alive and able to supply them with the best of seeds. **Our stock this year is first-class in every respect.** We do not claim the best in the country, but we do claim that there is none better. Trusting to still retain your patronage and hoping to give everyone the full value of his money with as little delay as possible, we remain, Yours truly,

**SAMUEL WILSON, Mechanicsville, Bucks Co., Pa.**

**DIRECTIONS FOR ORDERING.** Write your name and address plainly; give County, State, and Post-office. **By Mail.** We prepay all seeds, plants, etc., when ordered by mail, at catalogue prices, unless otherwise noted. **By Express or Freight, not Prepaid.** When goods are ordered by freight or express, be sure to give your freight or express office, County and State, also your Post-office. We never pay freight or express charges unless by special agreement. **Nothing sent C. O. D., unless half the price is remitted with the order. We guarantee safe delivery.** **TERMS.** Our terms are strictly cash with the order. Remittance can be made by bank draft, express check, money orders, or registered letters, the cost of which can be deducted from the order. **Postage stamps taken same as cash.** All domestic money orders made payable at Mechanicsville, Pa. All foreign money orders made payable at Doylestown, Bucks Co., Pa. All letters, and registered letters, must be addressed to Samuel Wilson, Mechanicsville, Bucks Co., Pa.



## WILSON'S LAZY WIVES BEANS.

Of all the pole beans that have been introduced within the last twenty years, none has given such universal satisfaction as **Wilson's Lazy Wives.** They are the best and most palatable table bean that has ever yet been placed before the people. About 20 years ago we found them growing in the garden of a farmer in Bucks Co., Pa., who had been raising them for many years for his own private use. After testing their remarkably fine qualities as a snap short table bean, we contracted for all he had to spare, which were carefully planted, and the succeeding year offered them for sale to the public. Since then they have been widely disseminated, and stand today "unrivaled as a snap short bean." **Wilson's Lazy Wives Beans** are noted for their rapid growth and immense quantity of pods they bear. The pod is about six inches in length, very meaty, and have a remarkably rich, succulent, pleasant flavor. They are excellent to use when only three inches long and retain their pleasant and tender qualities until nearly ripe. They are absolutely stringless in every respect. The dry beans are excellent as a wintershell bean. If you once try them you will never let them go. By mail, large pkt., 8c.; 2

pkts., 15c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 45c. By express, not prepaid, pt., 15c.; qt., 30c.; peck, \$1.75.



**WILSON'S BEST OF ALL BUSH BEANS** need no recommendation where they are known. They are acknowledged by all who have used them to be the best and most productive green-podded bush bean in cultivation. A trial is all that is necessary to convince anyone of this fact. They come into use early; bear enormous crops of beautiful pods of a light green color that are absolutely stringless and excellently flavored; exceeded by none in this respect, excepting **Wilson's Lazy Wives.** We offer them this season at the low price of, large pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 40c.; by mail, prepaid. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 25c.; 4 qts., 80c.; peck, \$1.25; bush, \$4.00.

**YOSEMITE MAMMOTH WAX BUSH.** A distinct variety, combining quality, productiveness and enormous size. The pods average eight to ten inches in length, and are the thickness of a man's finger, full of fleshy pulp, and of a rich golden color, making a handsome appearance. This, with the size, will make it a general favorite with market gardeners or private families. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 45c. Express or freight, not prepaid, pt., 15c.; qt., 30c.; peck, \$2.00.

**BLACK MEXICAN TREE PEPPER.** A tree pepper is a curiosity, three feet high, with a branching top filled with hundreds of peppers, 4 inches in length. The peppers are almost black, with a hot, pungent flavor; useful in cooking. Pkt., 5c.



# NOVELTIES AND SPECIALTIES FOR 1897

**Wilson's Improved Sure-Head Cabbage.** No other variety of winter cabbage has stood the test and won as much praise within the last ten years as Wilson's Improved Sure-Head. Since the introduction of this splendid cabbage, more than ten years ago, we have received more letters from the people and more notices from the press, praising its excellent quality and great productiveness, than any other winter cabbage ever introduced. In every section of the country, north, south, east and west, it has **never yet made a failure.** One of our customers in Texas says: "No matter how dry the weather, the plants grow rapidly and are sure to head. Out of 100 plants set out, I had 95 large, solid heads, while other varieties did not make a single head on account of the drouth." **J. Hawk, Shepherds-ville, Mich.,** says: "I shall always recommend Wilson's Sure-Head Cabbage. Have planted it for five years and never had a failure." And so the people write—not only one or a dozen, but by the hundred. It is not often we place a vegetable in our novelty list for so many years in succession, but **Wilson's Sure-Head Cabbage** deserves a place in the most conspicuous part of every seed catalogue in the land. Owing to its great popularity, much spurious seed has been placed on the market and sold as Wilson's Improved Sure-Head, which is the ordinary Drum-Head Cabbage. Our customers will please bear in mind that our seed is **thoroughbred** and has all been grown from selected heads, many of which would weigh twelve pounds each. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; ¼ lb., 50c.; 1b., \$1.60.



Wilson's Sure-Head Cabbage.

**Celery, New Rose.** The Rose varieties of celery are fast coming into use and will in time take the place of all others. In England, where celery has been brought to its highest state of perfection, the Rose varieties are cultivated in preference to all others. Not only for its attractive appearance, but also for its superior quality. **The New Rose** is a great improvement over any of the red varieties, having a much finer flavor and being exceedingly tender and crisp. Besides this, it is highly ornamental on the table, the delicate tracing of light carmine blending with the white in the blanched stalk, makes it very attractive. The New Rose is one of the best keeping varieties, almost self-blanching, and always sells readily. It is a vigorous grower, making an upright and compact bunch (see cut). By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; ¼ lb., 60c.

**Henderson's Pink Plume Celery.** The Pink Plume is a most beautiful variety, similar in growth to the White Plume, ready for the table fully as early, equal in quality. But its great superiority consists in its handsome and beautiful appearance. When blanched and placed on the table, with its solid, white and succulent stalks suffused with light pink, handsome, feathery, rose-colored leaves, makes a charming bouquet. Its quality is superb. Price, same as New Rose.

**Early All-Head Cabbage.** Next in importance to Wilson's Improved Sure-Head comes the New Early All-Head Cabbage. This is the earliest of all large-headed early cabbages. There may be some varieties that will do to use a few days earlier, but when we take into consideration the size of the **Early All-Head**, compared with other extra early varieties, the weight of the evidence is altogether in favor of the **Early All-Head**. This valuable and productive variety has been brought to its high state of perfection by years of care and attention in trying to get a strain of extra early cabbage that would be fit for market as early as the earliest and at the same time produce uniform heads of large size, compact, solid and fine quality. All these desirable qualities are combined in the **Early All-Head**, and owing to the absence of loose leaves, it can be planted closer than any other. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; ¼ lb., 50c.; 1b., \$1.60.



Early All-Head Cabbage.

employment, it behooves every one to economize. Then why go to the store and pay twenty-five to thirty cents for your coffee when you can easily raise it at a cost of only a few cents a pound? **Cole's Domestic Coffee Berry** is easily grown, ripens early and produces enormously. If properly cured, scorched, ground and made into coffee, it takes a critic to distinguish the difference, and some even prefer it to our regular imported coffee. It is pleasant, agreeable and aromatic, and more healthy than imported coffee. The plant grows twenty inches high and is loaded with pods, containing two beans each. Each package contains full directions for cultivating and making coffee. By mail, post-paid, 2 oz. pkt., enough to raise 20 lbs., 15c.; 2 pkts., 25c.; ¼ lb., 40c.; 1b., 75c.



Cole's Domestic Coffee Berry

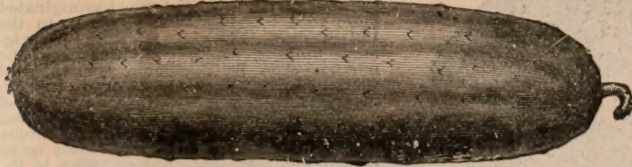
In these hard times, when farmers are getting but little for their crops and many of the laboring class are out of

FOR OTHER VARIETIES OF CABBAGE AND CELERY, SEE PAGES 12, 13 AND 14.



## CUCUMBERS

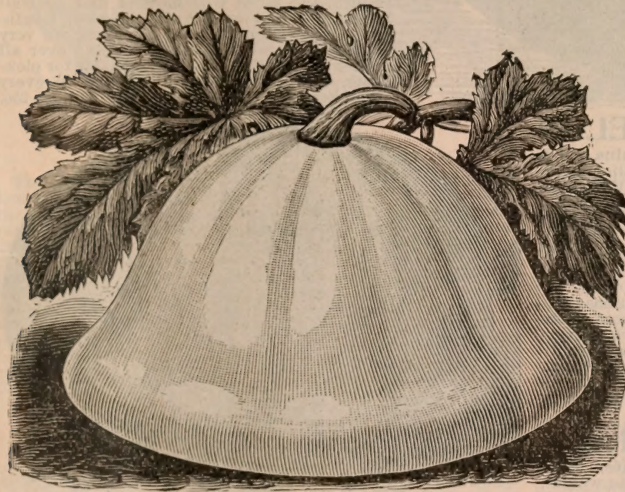
### NEW ORLEANS MARKET



**NEW ORLEANS MARKET CUCUMBER.** This splendid cucumber is but little known outside of a small section of country lying contiguous to the city of New Orleans, where it is extensively raised, exclusive of all other kinds, both for a slicing cucumber and for pickles. The fruits grow to a good size, straight and smooth (see cut). Skin light green, very few spines, and handsome appearance. The flesh is crisp, tender, with very few seeds and fine flavor. It is certainly the cucumber for the million and especially adapted to the hot climates of the South as it never fails to produce a good crop even in the driest weather. It is immensely productive and does equally as well in the North as in the South. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.; lb., \$1.00.

**JAPANESE CLIMBING CUCUMBER.** The seeds of this new variety were brought from Japan by a professor of the University of Halle. It is a most valuable kind to plant in small gardens or back-door yards. Its

greatest peculiarity is climbing on fences, sheds, screens or posts. The vines grow to the height of ten or twelve feet and are loaded with cucumbers from the ground up. They are generally borne in pairs about six to eight inches long and are of the best quality either for table use or pickling. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.

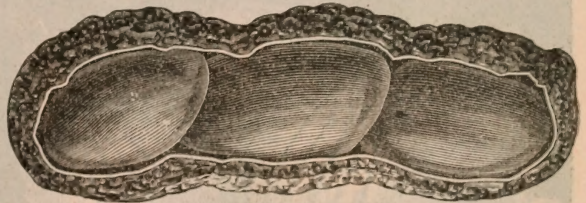


The Sweet Nut Squash.

cherry or pod tomato but the fruit is fully three times as large and far superior in quality. The plant grows to the height of four to five feet, branching in its habits and loaded with pods fully three inches across. In these pods are the apples, two inches in diameter, a rich golden color when ripe and of the most luscious flavor, either for cooking or eating raw. Should be planted in hot-beds and set out early. By mail, pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.; 4 pkts., 25c.

## SAVATILLA PEANUTS

Everyone likes peanuts. They are nutritious, palatable and as easily raised as corn or potatoes if rightly understood. The Savatilla variety are much superior to any other kind. The pods are larger, nuts sweeter, and ripen earlier. They will do well in almost any kind of soil and yield better than any other kind. A few short rows planted in the field or garden will furnish enough of the most excellent peanuts to last a small family all winter. We give directions for cultivating, on each packet. By mail, large pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.; pt., 15c.; qt., 25c. By express, not prepaid, qt., 20c.; 4 qts., 60c.; peck, \$1.50; bushel, \$5.00.



Savatilla Peanut.

## A Wonderful Discovery—THE PRE-HISTORIC CORN

After lying buried 3,000 years, the seed of this corn is discovered and gives the present generation the best connecting link with the people who inhabited this country in the dim distant past. For quality, unequalled by any corn of the present day. For productiveness of grain and fodder, unsurpassed.

### Produces Five to Eleven Ears to a Stalk—Yielding 250 Bushels to the Acre

Archæologists have done much to unravel the hidden mysteries of past ages but in no case has a more wonderful discovery been made than at "Marked Tree Ark." A piece of sealed pottery dug from a mound at this place more than fifteen feet below the surface contained this wonderful Pre-Historic Corn. The Rev. Dr. E. S. Curry, the discoverer, says: "This pottery was absolutely imporous and in it the corn had lain in perfect preservation while thousands of years rolled by." Rev. Mr. Curry says: "I planted this corn on my farm in Missouri and have been raising it for several years. The prevailing color is a beautiful light bronze. I have stalks fifteen feet high; the blades are seven inches broad and ten feet from tip to tip on opposite sides of the stalks, with eleven ears on one stalk."

Mr. J. H. BEAGLEY, Sibley, Ill., the well-known corn specialist and editor of *Corn and Hog Journal*, says: "I have had the Pre-Historic Corn fully tested in various parts of the country and find Dr. Curry's statement fully verified. It ripens early. In northern Missouri ears were grown weighing over a pound and very often seven to eleven on one stalk. Much more has been written and published about this wonderful corn but as our space is limited we will only further say, every farmer should give it a trial. It may put dollars in his pocket. As we have to buy it by pkts., we can only sell by pkts. By mail, 100 grains, 25c.; 300 grains, 50c.

**FOR OTHER VARIETIES OF CUCUMBERS AND SQUASHES, SEE PAGES 16 AND 21.**





## Brinton's Best Tomato

is a selection as the best out of over one hundred varieties tested by Thomas H. Brinton, the great tomato specialist, who has originated more good tomatoes than any man in the United States. The vines are strong and vigorous growers, standing up well from the ground. The fruit is large, smooth, good shape and ripen up evenly all over. It is remarkably solid, firm, with very few seeds and excellent fine flavor. The color is deep red and it is one of our best shippers, remaining in good condition a long time after being picked. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.; lb., \$2.25.

## Everbearing Tomatoes

The Everbearing is a medium-sized, long-shaped tomato. Average length, three inches; one and a half inches thick. They are nearly solid, with few seeds and **extremely good flavor**. They commence to ripen early and bear enormous crops until killed by frost. They well deserve the name of **Everbearing**, as there is not a day in the whole season but what the vines have flowers and fruit in all stages of growth. In the extreme South, the vines will blossom and bear all winter. The tomatoes cut in half, lengthwise, and eaten as other tomatoes, are very appetizing and preferred by many over all other kinds. They are also valuable for pickling, etc. They should be found in every well-kept garden. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

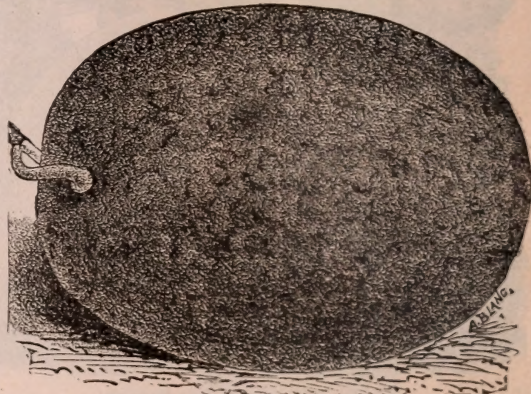
## NEW CHINESE WATERMELON

The **Golden Gem Watermelon** is a native of China and is distinguished from all other watermelons by the peculiar markings on the seeds. They grow to a medium size, set thickly on the vines and ripen early. The outer rind is very thin, flesh a deep, rich golden color and decidedly **the sweetest, richest and most refreshing watermelon in existence**. They will keep in good eating condition until Christmas. For epicures and small gardeners, they are invaluable. Seed scarce. Can only sell by the packet or ounce. Pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.; oz., 20c.

**New Sugar Melon.** This new melon has probably created more sensation in the last three years than any other. It is **early, large, handsome, heavy and a good shipper**. The skin is a beautiful mottled green, rind very thin, flesh deep cherry-red, remarkably sweet, sugary, sparkling and refreshing. Too much cannot be said in its praise. Weight, from twenty-five to thirty pounds. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.; lb., 90c.

## Phifer's New Nutmeg Melon.

This splendid melon originated with Geo. M. Phifer, Charlotte, N. C. They will run from ten to fifteen pounds in weight, nearly round, slightly ribbed and thickly netted. The flesh is thick, meaty, a rich salmon color and remarkably **sweet, spicy and fragrant**. Ripens early. Said to be the best in the market. Pkt., 8c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.; lb., \$1.00.



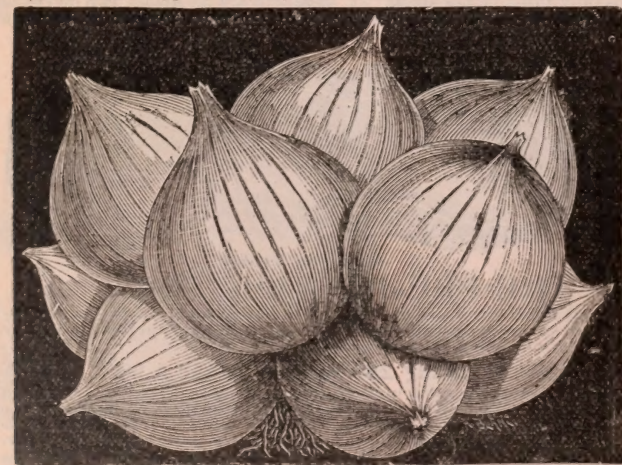
Golden Gem Watermelon.

## White Multiplier Onions

The White Multiplier Onions have a silvery-white skin, flesh snow-white, tender and mild flavor. Their greatest value consists in raising shallots or bunch onions for the table or market. One small bulb planted early in the spring will produce ten to twenty onions of fair size in a very short time, much sooner than can be grown from seed planted any time in the fall. They come up vigorously in the spring, even pushing their tops through the snow, and make the finest bunch onions before other kinds have awakened from their winter's rest. Immense crops have been grown in this way, as one small bulb planted will make ten or more nice onions, and as they are ready for the table three weeks before any others, they sell readily at good prices. By mail, pt., 20c.; qt., 35c.; 4 qts., 90c. By freight, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.40; bushel, \$5.00.

## Egyptian or Perennial Tree

This is a distinct variety. When once set out, without having the slightest winter protection, it will come up year after year as soon as the frost breaks ground, and will grow very rapidly. The bottoms divide, making several irregularly-shaped onions, which are sweet and tender. The sets grow on top of the stalks. By mail, post-paid, pt., 20c.; qt., 35c.



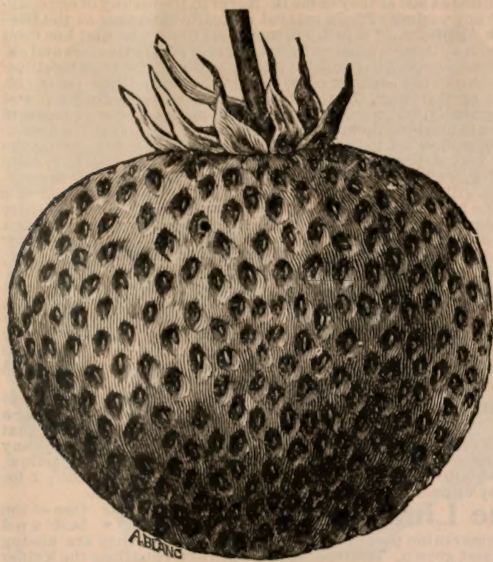
## New Passion Lettuce.

A black-seeded variety of excellent quality and particularly adapted for hot seasons and dry climates, where it is impossible to raise good lettuce of the ordinary kinds. The leaves are slightly crimped and curled, remarkably crisp, tender, without any bitter taste, which prevails in other varieties when grown in dry weather. It might justly be called an all-the-year-round lettuce in the South, as it will remain in good eating condition a long time. It is also one of the best heading varieties, making solid, compact heads of large size and excellent quality. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.; lb., 90c.

FOR OTHER VARIETIES OF MELONS AND TOMATOES, SEE PAGES 18 AND 22.



# Wilson's Selected List of Choice New Fruits

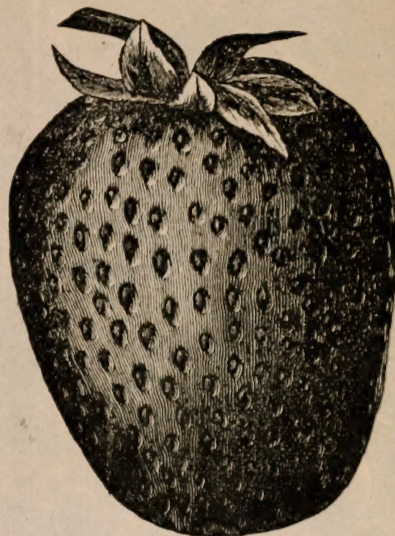


**Hood River.**

The **Hood River Strawberry** is a native of Oregon and has won a high reputation in the short time it has been before the people. The plant is a strong grower, throws out but few runners. Nearly all its strength goes to produce the enormous crop of the magnificent berries it bears. The fruit is extra large, cherry-red color, rather oval in shape, firm and exceedingly fine flavored, having a remarkably pleasant wild strawberry flavor. They are immensely productive. A lady in Oregon claims to have picked fifty quarts from twelve hills, and at the rate of 1280 quarts from one-quarter of an acre; ten of the largest will make one quart. They have been tested in all parts of the country and receive nothing but the highest praise. By mail, prepaid, 6 plants, 50c.; 12 for 80c.; 50 for \$2.00. By express, not prepaid, doz., 60c.; 100, \$1.00; 1,000, \$8.00.

TWO OF THE LARGEST STRAWBERRIES IN THE WORLD

Ten berries make one quart; seven and three-quarter inches in circumference; 1280 quarts to one-quarter acre, first picking.



**Glen Mary.**

The **Glen Mary Strawberry** is another mammoth variety said by some to be even larger than the **Hood River**. But this claim we do admit yet, although on our trial grounds the past summer they were a sight that attracted universal attention and won the praise of all who saw them. The **Glen Mary**, as will be seen by the annexed illustration, is a remarkably large and well-shaped berry of unusually handsome appearance. They color up all over a deep, cherry-red, are firm, solid, good shippers and fine flavored. They are enormous cuppers. Ripening a little later than the **Hood River**, they come in well to prolong the season. W. F. Allen, the great strawberry specialist, of Maryland, says: "Glen Mary is the largest and best strawberry ever offered to the American people." Price same as **Hood River**.

## Strawberry Raspberry



**Strawberry Raspberry.**

early. By mail, single plants, 15c.; 2 for 25c.; 6 for 60c.; doz., \$1.00.

This valuable new fruit comes from Japan. It is a beautiful dwarf raspberry, growing only about twenty inches high, with a wide bushy top. The finely cut foliage, with its snow-white blossoms, makes a very ornamental bush. The fruits are produced very early in the season, stand well out from the foliage and are easily gathered. They are the size of a large strawberry, very beautiful and have the flavor of the raspberry and strawberry combined. In developing, they pass through green amber to bright red and when ripe have a most delicious flavor. They are very prolific. The bush dies down in winter but comes up strong in the spring, ripening its heavy load of fruit early.

## Japanese Wineberry



one cluster. By mail, each, 15c.; 2 for 25c.; doz., \$1.00.

This is another valuable fruit from Japan, its peculiarity is the fruit being inclosed in burrs until ready to ripen when the burr opens and leaves exposed one of the most beautiful berries you ever saw. They are about the size of our common raspberry, a deep glossy wine-color, glistening like rubies in the sun. The berries are extremely rich, vinous and delicious. The vines are strong growers, free from spines and hardy. As many as fifty berries will grow in

## Logan Berry

The **Logan Berry** is a native of America. The credit of originating belongs to Judge H. Logan, of Santa Cruz, Cal. It is a cross between the **Red Antwerp Raspberry** and the **Wild Aughinbaugh Blackberry**. The fruit is as large as the largest blackberry and partakes of the flavor of the raspberry and blackberry combined. The color is a rich dark wine-color which is very attractive. The vines are rampant growers, making a growth of ten feet in one season. They are without the sharp thorns of the common blackberry. The fruit is firm, rich, and melting with a pleasant vinous flavor. The **Logan Berry** is a great bearer; the vines literally loaded with large, handsome fruits. It is hardy anywhere in the United States and fast becoming very popular. Plants are scarce. By mail, single plants, 40c.; 2 for 75c.; 3 for \$1.00.



**Logan Berry.**

## Japanese Golden Mayberry

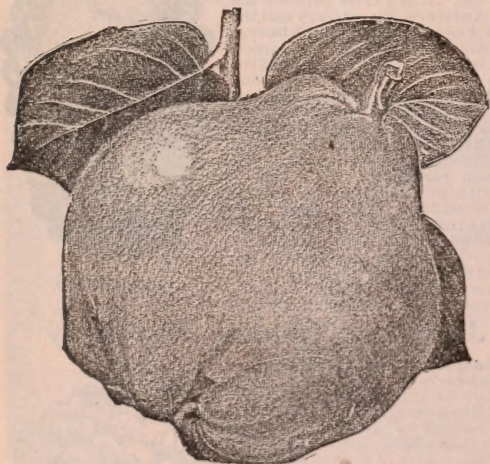
A Raspberry that ripens before Strawberries. This is what is claimed for the wonderful **Japanese Mayberry**. This claim has been verified in hundreds of cases where it has been fairly tried. The plant is a native of the northern part of Japan where the winters are excessively cold. Hence it is hardy in this country. The bushes are compact, grow to the height of two feet without the sharp thorns of the blackberry. They commence to blossom very early in the spring; fruit sets thickly on the vines, ripens up and is fit for the table as early as our earliest strawberries. The berries are larger than our largest raspberries, of a bright red color and a remarkably pleasant taste. Preferred by many over the strawberry. By mail, each, 15c.; 2 for 25c.; 6 for 60c.; doz., \$1.00.







Bismarck Apple.



Meech's Prolific Quince.

trees. The best and most productive kinds are: **Abundance**, **Burbank** and **Satsuma**, the same as tree agents are now selling at \$1.00 each. Our trees are grafted on plum stock and warranted true to name. Small trees, by mail, each, 35c.; 3 for \$1.00. By express, four to five feet, each, 35c.; 3 for \$1.00; doz., \$3.00.

**Plums and Quinces** are now the money-making fruits. They always find a ready sale and seldom fail to bear. **Meech's Prolific Quince** is the best kind to plant. They begin to bear quite young and produce, annually, tremendous crops. We have known single trees, eight years old, to pick over five bushels each in a season. The fruit is good size, smooth, and almost entirely free from knots and worms. The skin, when ripe, is a rich yellow. Small trees, by mail, each, 25c.; 3 for 60c.; doz., \$2.25. By express, four feet, bearing size, each, 30c.; doz., \$3.00.

**A LOW OFFER.**—We will send, by mail, prepaid, our Meech Prolific Quince, the three Japanese Plums and one Japanese Cranberry, for \$1.00. The same, four feet, by express, not prepaid, for \$1.00.

**The Bismarck Apple.** The great demand for the wonderful Bismarck Apple the past season made it almost impossible for us to keep our orders filled as fast as they came in. Never in the history of our country has any variety of fruit created as much sensation as the Bismarck Apple. And it justly deserves all the praise that has been given to it by those who have tested its great productiveness and excellent eating, cooking and keeping qualities. The annexed illustration shows the manner of growth when only three years old. At five or six years, they have a handsome spreading top and bear, annually, large crops of fine, large apples that will measure thirteen to fourteen inches in circumference. The skin is a beautiful rich, golden color, lightly streaked with bright red, giving the fruit a very striking appearance. The flesh is snow-white, crisp and juicy, a slightly sub-acid, spicy flavor. They ripen in September and will keep firm and solid until June. We had hoped this season to have offered them at lower prices but, owing to their great demand, the stock has been eagerly bought up; so we can make but little change. Small trees, by mail, each, 35c.; 3 for \$1.00; doz., \$3.50. Two-year-old, four feet, by express, not prepaid, each, 60c.; 2 for \$1.00; doz., \$5.00.

**The Star Apple.** This new variety originated with Parry Bros., celebrated fruit growers in New Jersey. It is highly recommended by the leading fruit growers in this country and said to be fully as productive as the Bismarck, equal in quality and is one of the earliest to ripen. Flesh sub-acid, fine flavored and excellent for eating or cooking. Price same as Bismarck.

**The Koonce Pear.** Too much cannot be said in favor of the Koonce Pear. For an early pear they are far ahead of any that has ever been offered, ripening ten days earlier than any other large size; rich, spicy and delicious. Outer skin yellow, suffused with bright red. Small trees, by mail, each, 30c.; 2 for 50c. By express, four to five feet, each, 40c.; doz., \$4.00.

**The Lincoln Coreless Pear.** One of the best and most remarkable pears ever introduced. In size they are among the largest grown. The tree is a rapid grower, equalling the Keiffer in this respect. But its most remarkable feature is the fruit being almost entirely coreless and free from seeds. The quality is simply superb, being a solid mass of rich, luscious, juicy fruit. They keep all winter. Price same as the Koonce pear.

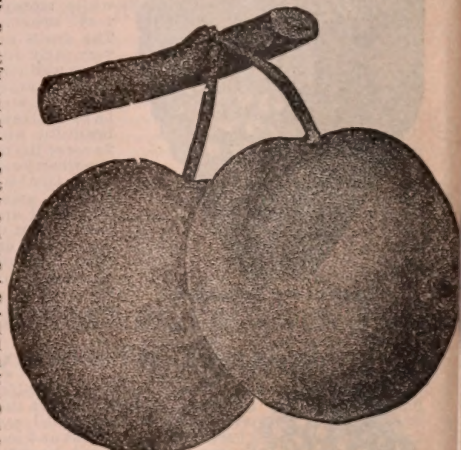
**The Snead Peach.** The best and earliest peach in cultivation, large size, free stone, ripens earliest of any, hardy, never fails to produce a crop. Small trees, by mail, each, 15c.; 2 for 25c. Four feet, by express, each, 15c.; 2 for 25c.; doz., \$1.20; 100, \$8.00.

**Japanese Cranberry, or Elegans Longipes.** An excellent new fruit lately introduced from Japan. The tree is a beautiful shrubby bush growing to the height of five to six feet; bearing freely second year from planting. The fruit is about the size of the ordinary cranberry, dark-red color, no seeds but a very small pit. For cooking purposes they are considered superior to the cranberry, having the same sub-acid, delightful, refreshing taste. The fruit hangs on the branches like ropes of onions. Small trees, by mail, each, 30c.; 2 for 50c. Three to four feet; ready to bear, by express, each, 35c.; 2 for 60c.



Jap. Cranberry.

**Japanese Plums.** The Japanese plums are fast taking the place of American varieties. They are very rapid growers. Hardy in any climate, and absolutely curelio proof, and free from black knot or disease of any kind; come into bearing early and produce, annually, heavy crops. The fruit is large, very attractive, and of the most luscious quality. A small orchard of these plums would be a gold-mine on any farm. Believing in this, we planted, last spring, over 200



Abundance Plum.



## NOVELTIES AND SPECIALTIES IN FLOWER SEEDS FOR 1897



Vautier's Pansies. Natural size.

## OUR GRAND NEW PANSY, CLEOPATRA.

**CLEOPATRA** (Queen of the Niles). It is almost impossible to describe the beauty of this magnificent flower. It is said to have been first discovered growing on the Alpine Mountains, by a distinguished German botanist. It is so entirely distinct from other pansies as to at once strike the beholder with surprise and astonishment. The flower, although not quite so large as some of the Imperial German varieties, yet their substance is so firm and enduring as to stand up a long time after being cut. But its most distinct feature is the bright bars of rich crimson, silver and gold, so regularly mixed as to almost dazzle the eye. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

## OTHER VARIETIES OF GOOD PANSIES.

We offer the following varieties of well-known pansies at 8c. per pkt.; 6 pkts., 30c.; 10 pkts., 40c. **Red Riding Hood**, brilliant red, very fine. **Silver Seam**, purple, with white edge. **Meteor**, bright canary yellow, spotted with brown and margined with gold. **Black Prince**, compact plants, velvety black flowers. **Giant Odier**, immense size, three and five inches, spotted. **Cardinal**, large, scarlet-brown, blotched. **Peacock**, lovely blue, spotted like a peacock's tail. **Red Victoria**, rich, deep red flowers. **Rosy Morn**, flowers rosy red. **Fire King**, fiery reddish-brown. **Snow Queen**, large flowers, pure white. **Wilson's Superb Large Flowering, Mixed**, comprising a beautiful collection of colorings and markings, ranging from pure white through the various colors to midnight black.



Tree Poppy.

## TREE POPPY.

A grand new species of this popular flower, growing fifteen to twenty inches high, with numerous side branches and each plant producing from fifty to sixty vivid scarlet flowers of a most attractive appearance. The flowers differ so widely from all other poppies as though they belonged to another class of plants. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**CROTALARIA RETUSA** (Dwarf Yellow Sweet Pea). This interesting and curious plant grows fifteen inches high, compact bush, bearing from two to three hundred bright golden flowers, resembling the popular Sweet Pea. The plant, when in bloom, looks like a burnished sheet of gold. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**DWARF GOLDEN SUNFLOWER**. A handsome dwarf variety, growing only three feet wide, branching top, covered with hundreds of extremely double, bright golden flowers, three inches in diameter. Pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.

**NEW PHLOXES** (Mountain of Snow). A pure white variety, of strong, robust growth, covered with the most charming snow-white flowers, of large size and delicious fragrance. Highly valuable for cut flowers.

**NEW PHLOX** (Mt. Vesuvius). One of the handsomest and most brilliant of any of the Phlox Drummondii family. The flowerets are unusually large, bright scarlet color, with small white eye, edged with dark purple. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**NEW JAPANESE ASTER**. This curious and attractive variety comes from Japan. The plant is free-blooming; flowers three to four inches in diameter and very attractive. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**NEW YELLOW ASTER**. The great desire of florists for a long time has been to get a pure Yellow Aster. Ours come as near to it as any that have yet been found. The flowers are good size, good form and of a light golden color. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**NEW DOUBLE PETUNIAS**. Giants of California. Nothing can equal the beauty and magnificence of these giant petunias. The flowers are as large as the largest hollyhock, as double as can be. The edges are fringed, crumpled and crinkled, forming the most charming sights imaginable. Fully fifty per cent. of the flowers are double.

**GIANT SNOW STORM**. Flowers four to five inches across, pure white, deep yellow throat. Pkt., 10c.

**GIANT MIDNIGHT**. Rich beyond description; dark claret-veined throat, looking like crumpled velvet. Pkt., 10c.

The following list of **Pansies** have been selected with great care from the best varieties grown in this country and Europe. They cannot fail to please all lovers of this beautiful flower.

**VAUTIER'S MAMMOTH PANSIES**. This magnificent strain of Pansies is the work of Chas. H. Vautier, the most successful pansy grower in the United States. It is the result of twenty years' careful and assiduous labor. In size, form and beauty, they rival any pansy heretofore introduced. The flowers will measure three inches across, colors extremely rich, velvety, spotted, striped, blotched and self colors. The plant is strong, bushy and blooms most profusely a long time. They are the cream of all Pansies. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**IMPERIAL GERMAN PANSIES**. From the best pansy growers in Germany. Flowers immense size, good substance, stand up well and profuse bloomers. All bright, rich and showy colors, mixed. Pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.

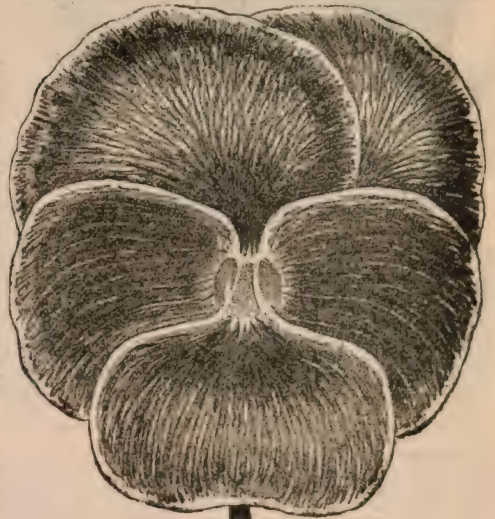
**ROYAL ENGLISH SHOW PANSIES**. An English strain of extra large size. The pride of the Royal Gardens of England and greatly admired for their immense size, richness in colors and splendid markings. Pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.

**MAMMOTH BUTTERFLY PANSIES**. This grand unique variety has created a great sensation among pansy growers for their large size, peculiar markings and colorings, which embrace all the colors of the rainbow, mixed and intermingled in such a way as to attract universal attention. Pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.

**BUGNOT'S LARGE STRAIN, MIXED**. A celebrated French strain of extra large size, choice, deep colors, with exceedingly broad blotches and delicate pencillings. A great favorite in the Parisian markets. Pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.

**THE TIGER PANSY**. Large size; noted for its yellow ground colors, with black stripes. Pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.

**SWEET-SCENTED PANSIES**. A new class of pansies, the result of crossing the **Viola Tri-Colored Pansy** with the **Sweet Violet**. The flowers are medium size, borne on long, stiff stems, with a great variety of rich colors, having the perfume of the violet. Highly prized for cut flowers. Pkt., 10c.



Cleopatra.





## SWEET PEAS

Sweet Peas have become one of our most popular flowers and well they deserve to be, as their easy culture, freedom of bloom, neatness of form and delicious fragrance endear them to the hearts of all lovers of choice flowers. The following selections are believed to be the best of the numerous varieties that are found in this country:

- Miss Blanche Ferry.** Dwarf habits, pink and white, good.
- Adonis.** Carmine, shaded with white; beautiful.
- Apple Blossoms.** Rose and pink, wings soft blush, very fragrant.
- Boreatton.** Deep maroon color; free bloomer; very handsome.
- Captain of the Blues.** Dark blue, lightly netted with purple.
- Crown Prince.** Bright blush; large flowers; great bloomer; good.
- Duchess of Edinburgh.** Scarlet; a great favorite; large flowers.
- Empress of India.** Clear rosy pink, edged with silver; extra good.
- Painted Lady.** A beautiful pink and white flower; charming.
- Orange Prince.** Bright orange pink, edged with bright yellow.
- Queen of England.** Pure white, fine flowers; very handsome.
- Blanche Burpee.** Pure white, extra large flowers; the best white.
- Scarlet Invincible.** Deep, rich scarlet; solid colors; beautiful.
- Splendor.** Bright rose, shaded with crimson.
- American Belle.** Light rose; carmine spots; free bloomer.

All the above Sweet Peas, by mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

**WILSON'S SUPERIOR GILT EDGE MIXED SWEET PEAS.** This mixture, which we have prepared especially for our retail trade, comprises the best well-known and standard varieties of **Eckford's Gilt Edge Strain**. They are much superior to the ordinary mixed sweet peas sold and are really worth twice the money we ask for them; but in order to unload our immense stock of sweet peas, we have marked prices down so that everyone can afford to buy. They embrace all richly marked, blotched, bright, showy and self colors and are warranted to give the best satisfaction. We offer them at the extremely low price, of liberal pkt., 4c., or 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 60c., by mail, prepaid.

**SWEET PEA NOVELTIES FOR 1897.** Below we give price and description of some of the best new sweet peas of very recent introduction, some of which have never been offered before. They are grand new varieties, thoroughly established, and a wonderful addition to our valuable list of extra fine sweet peas. All will be sent for, pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c., except where otherwise noted.

**Cupid.** The only dwarf sweet pea in existence; grows only six inches high, spreading over the ground eight to ten inches around and covered with a perfect mass of pure snow-white flowers.

**Katharine Tracy.** First introduced in 1895. Said to be the finest and largest sweet pea grown. A soft brilliant pink; vigorous grower; profuse bloomer; deliciously fragrant.

**America.** The only intense scarlet sweet pea in existence. Originated with C. C. Morse & Co., the largest sweet pea growers in the world. Free bloomer, flowers extra size; very fragrant.

**Ramona.** Large flowers of a curious hooded form, a creamy white color, daintily splashed on standard and wings.

**Gray Friar.** Entirely unlike any other sweet pea. It is difficult to describe. The flowers are of hooded form, a beautiful watered purple on white ground. The flowers are of large size, borne three and four on long stems.

**Oddity.** One of the most peculiar and odd sweet peas in existence; a pale carmine color edged with light rose. Flowers good size, curled on the edge, giving them a remarkably striking appearance.

**Daybreak.** A grand new variety with shades of pale fiery colors springing up from base to summit, resembling the eastern sky at break of day.

**Golden Gate.** The novel feature is in the long, pointed wings which spring upright like the ears of a rabbit. The wings never overlap each other like other sweet peas. Color a soft pinkish mauve with light lavender. Pkt., 15c.; 2 pkts., 25c.

## Novelties and Rare Flower Seeds of Special Value

Many of the following varieties were imported from Japan, all enclosed in beautiful hand painted bags:

**Chrysanthemums** (Perennial Varieties). This seed has been saved from the best Japanese varieties and will produce flowers of the largest size, and of every form, color and shade imaginable. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**New Morning Glory** (Japanese Imperialis). A beautiful climbing plant; flowers of immense size, three to four inches across; all rich colors with edges fluted and fringed like the primula; exceedingly rich and variegated. Pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.

**Japanese Pæonies.** We offer the seed of this grand gorgeous plant, from which the finest specimens can easily be raised; all colors. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**Japanese Iris** (Beautiful Kempheri). Nothing can equal the magnificence of this beautiful plant. Flowers twice as large as common iris with the richest colors. Pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.

**Japanese Superb Primulas.** For a winter house flower nothing can surpass the primula. It is a constant bloomer of the most delicate shades of colors and delicious fragrance. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**Japanese Dianthus.** A flower always in demand. The Japanese varieties are simply superb. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**The Vinca Rosea.** A pretty variety from Japan; much superior to any of our native varieties. Pkt., 8c.; 3 pkts., 15c.

**Leucanthemum Nipponicum.** The hand painting on the bag will give some idea of this rare and beautiful plant which produces numerous dazzling white flowers in the autumn and late in the winter; hardy anywhere. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**Platycodon Grandiflora.** A magnificent hardy perennial from Japan; well known among florists. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**Trichoanthus Cucumeroides.** A rare novelty from Japan; a neat and curious climber bearing numerous scarlet flowers, and fruits resembling miniature cucumbers. Fine for window decorations or out-door culture. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

**Ricinus Zanzibarensis** (New African Foliage Plant). Grows twelve feet in one season. Leaves four feet across; beautiful for lawns or parks. Pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.

**New Yellow Cosmos.** A beautiful, neat, little plant, continually in bloom from June till November. Pkt., 10c.; 2 pkts., 15c.

**NEW COSMOS, Giants of California.** Height six to ten feet; covered with beautiful flowers three to four inches across; much superior to the old varieties both in growth and flowers; mixed, pink and white. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Six pkts. of any of these novelties sent for 40c., or all thirteen for 75c.



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Although our prices will be found to be as low as **guaranteed seeds** can be listed, in order to induce you to form clubs and get seeds at wholesale, we offer the following:

On all orders for seeds in packets, remit \$1.00 for \$1.25 worth; \$2.00 for \$2.60 worth; \$3.00 for \$4.00 worth; \$4.00 for \$5.50 worth; \$5.00 for \$7.00 worth. This offer only applies to seeds in packets and when no other premium is taken. Nor does it apply to seeds in ounces, pounds, quarts, pecks or bushels, or to anything else.

## ARTICHOKE

**Large Green Globe.** The standard variety for general use. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 25c.

**Early Violet.** A new variety. The flower heads are formed early; are thick, fleshy, and of rich flavor. Pkt., 8c.; oz., 35c.

## From Two to Three Hundred Pods on One Plant

## BEANS—Dwarf or Bush

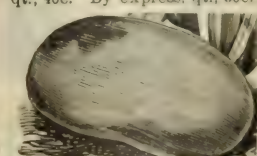
**BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA.** These require no poles or supports of any kind, and are extremely hardy and immensely productive. A few short rows, planted in ordinary good garden soil, would supply a family with all the Lima Beans they would need during the whole season. The thickness of the main stalk and branches of the plant is of universal size and strength, by which it is enabled to hold well up from the ground its immense weight of pods and beans. The quality is simply superb, being exceedingly rich and buttery when cooked, and extra fine flavored. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, pt., 13c.; qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.50.

**DREER'S BUSH LIMA.** This is a true bush variety of Dreer's Improved Pole Lima, requires no sticks or poles of any kind, and possesses all the good qualities of that excellent, well-known sort. The plants grow from one and a half to two feet high, of a strong, vigorous, bushy habit, producing pods in great abundance. By mail, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. Express or freight, pt., 13c.; qt., 25c.

**Henderson's Bush Lima.** A strong grower, attains the height of twelve to fifteen inches, and is covered with fine pods from the ground up to the topmost branch. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, pt., 13c.; qt., 25c.

**JACKSON WONDER DWARF LIMA BEAN.** This new Bush Lima Bean originated in Georgia. It grows from eighteen to thirty inches high. It is immensely productive, with broad, flat pods, containing three to four variegated flat beans, similar in shape to the well-known Small Lima or Sewee. By mail, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 35c. By express or freight, pt., 13c.; qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.50.

**New Stringless Green Pod.** The only stringless green pod bean in cultivation, and when we add that it is two weeks earlier than any other, we have said enough to tender it to the hearts of all lovers of good beans. It is fine flavored and very productive. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express, qt., 30c.; peck, \$2.00.



Okla Wonder. Pkt., 8c.

open ground when danger of frost is over. By mail, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, pt., 13c.; qt., 25c.

**Oklahoma Wonder.** The strong, upright stalk, with its numerous side branches, are loaded with enormous pods of beans from fourteen to seventeen inches in length and fully one to one and a quarter inches in width, each pod containing from thirteen to fifteen large perfect beans. North of forty degrees they should be started under glass and transplanted in open ground when danger of frost is over. By mail, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, pt., 13c.; qt., 25c.



One Plant of Burpee's Bush Lima Bean, reduced in size.

**ROUND YELLOW—SIX WEEKS.** A round-podded variety; extra early; fine quality; very prolific, and a great favorite with those who have given them a trial. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 40c. By express, qt., 20c.; peck, \$1.00; bushel, \$3.50.

**Golden-Eyed Wax.** Bushes very stocky and strong. Pods four to five inches in length, turning white when they get older, retaining their rich, nutty flavor until almost ripe; are **entirely stringless, fleshy and tender.** By mail, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. Express or freight, pt., 13c.; qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.25.

**Black-Eyed Wax.** The earliest wax bean in cultivation; very productive; pods large and beautiful in color; seed white, with black markings. By mail, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, pt., 13c.; qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.25.

**GOLDEN WAX.** An old and well-established variety. Excellent quality, matures early, and very prolific. First-class in every respect. By mail, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. Express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 13c.; qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.20.

**BLACK WAX.** A good and substantial variety. Pods a bright, rich yellow; very tender, rich and buttery when cooked. By mail, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.30.

**WHITE WAX.** Similar in quality to the Black Wax, excepting the bean is white; excellent quality, early and productive. By mail, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.30.

**RUST-PROOF GOLDEN WAX.** Straight, handsome pods, superior to the Golden Wax and absolutely rust-proof. By mail, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. Express, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.40.

**EARLY PERFECTION WAX.** The large, golden-yellow pods are of the most handsome appearance and finest quality, being stringless, tender and of a very rich flavor. By mail, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. Express, pt., 15c.; qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.50.

FOR THE STANDARD BUSH BEAN, "WILSON'S BEST OF ALL," SEE PAGE 1.



**NEW SADDLE-BACK WAX.** At the head of the list of all the new wax beans lately introduced. It is a cross between **Yosemite Mammoth** and **Black-Eyed Wax**, and inherits the sterling qualities of both parents. The pods are long, straight, very full of meat and **entirely stringless**. The bean is almost solid; extra fine flavored and immensely productive. For a snap-short wax bean for family use it has no superior. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, pt., 15c.; qt., 25c.



**WARDWELL'S KIDNEY WAX.** This is the hardiest, earliest, most productive, richest and best flavored **Dwarf Wax Bean**. But the most valuable point about this new bean is that it has never shown the slightest indication to rust or spot under any circumstances. The vines are vigorous and strong growers, keeping the beans well up from the ground. The entire pod assumes a rich golden color at the earliest stages of growth (see cut). By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 30c.; peck, \$2.00.

**Improved Round-Podded Valentine.** This is a new and distinct stock, bred from the **Early Red Valentine**; we find it after careful trial to be ten days earlier; vines very uniform, setting its fruit all low on the bush, ripening very uniformly, and producing enormously. Pods very tender and succulent. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, pt., 13c.; qt., 20c.; peck, \$1.10.

**PROLIFIC TREE.** Sixty to sixty-five bushels per acre have been obtained on good ordinary soil. Plant in rows two and a half feet apart and fifteen inches apart in the row. Much easier raised than the old-fashioned **Navy Bean**, which they somewhat resemble. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 35c. By express or freight, not prepaid, pt., 13c.; qt., 20c.; peck, \$1.00.

**Boston Favorite, or Goddard.** Valuable as a shell bean. By mail, pkt., 8c. By express, pt., 10c.; qt., 20c.; peck, \$1.00.

**White Kidney.** One of the best winter beans; ripens early; very productive. By mail, pkt., 8c. By express or freight, not prepaid, pt., 10c.; qt., 20c.; peck, \$1.00.

**White Marrowfat.** Extensively grown as a shelled winter bean. Price same as **White Kidney**.

### BEANS—POLE OR RUNNING.

**WILSON'S BEST OF ALL POLE.** This is an early pole bean of unequalled productiveness, commencing to bear early in the season and keeps on bearing until the vines are killed by frost. The pods are medium in length, a beautiful light green in color, almost crystal, round, **entirely stringless**, remarkably rich, tender and buttery when cooked, of the best possible flavor, and when once tried they will never be given up. The pods are fit to use when only two or three inches long, keep their fine, tender, rich and buttery qualities until fully ripe. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, pt., 15c.; qt., 35c.; peck, \$1.30.

**Large White Zulu.** The pods are very handsome, of a waxy appearance, nearly pure white in color, **very broad**, and yet **very fleshy** and **perfectly stringless**. Pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c.

**Sunshine.** This is a strong grower, with bright light yellow pods, which are borne in clusters of three or four at every joint of the vines. The pods are six to eight inches long and perfectly straight, **entirely stringless**; noted for its productiveness and hardiness. By mail, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c.

**Scarlet Runner.** A great favorite in European gardens, both as an ornamental plant and useful vegetable. It grows to the height of nine or ten feet, presenting dazzling scarlet flowers from July to October. By mail, pkt., 8c.

**NEW GOLDEN ANDALUSIA WAX BEAN.** The pods are five to six inches long, broad, thick, very fleshy and **entirely stringless**. The beans when dry are round as a bullet, pure white in color, and make a fine shell or winter bean. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, qt., 25c.; 4 qts., 80c.; peck, \$1.50.

**Golden Cluster.** The vine is a strong grower, clinging well to the poles. The pods are a beautiful golden-yellow color and of large size, averaging from seven to eight inches long; very fleshy, but absolutely stringless, very brittle and of a fine flavor. By mail, pkt., 8c. By express or freight, not prepaid, pt., 15c.; qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.50.

### KING OF THE GARDEN.

This, as will be seen by the illustration, is particularly noted for the length of pods and the unusual number of beans in a pod. On our patch the past summer could be found plenty of pods eight to nine inches long, and often as many as seven and eight beans in one pod. The beans are unusually large, rich, buttery and excellent fine flavor when cooked. **The King of the Garden** is the heaviest cropper of any variety of lima beans we ever saw. The pods are generally borne in clusters of three. The vines, which are literally loaded with pods, are strong and vigorous growers, ripen about the same time as other varieties, and owing to the unusual size and number of pods, which are crowded with beans, they will yield nearly twice as much to the acre as any other variety. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, pt., 15c.; qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.60.

### JERSEY EXTRA EARLY.

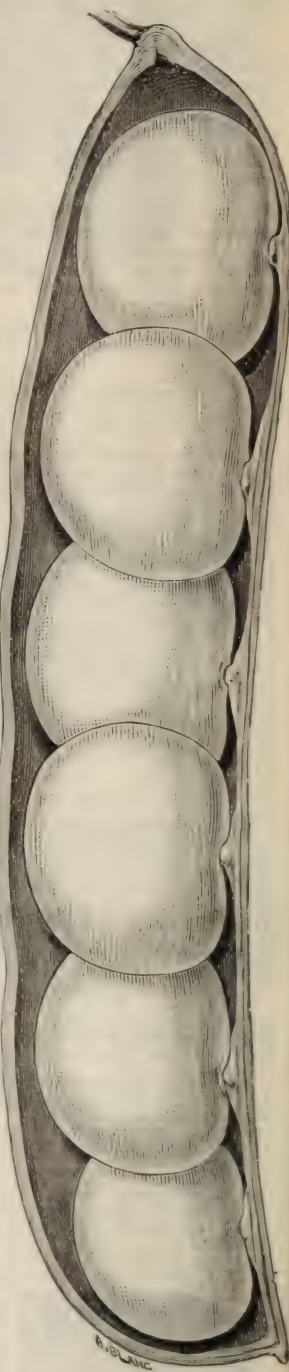
In the **Extra Early Jersey Lima** we have a bean that fulfills all the desirable qualities of the common Lima, and will be fit to use at least ten days or two weeks earlier than any other. Last year the pods were fit to pick July 24th, and were sold in the New York market at \$3.00 for a bushel of pods. The beans are fully as large as the common variety, equally good, if not better, in quality, and far more productive, every pod containing five or six fine large beans. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, pt., 15c.; qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.75.

### EARLY BLACK LIMA.

The **New Early Black Lima** is a mottled-seeded pole bean of the **Seewee** type. The clusters are borne in such profusion upon the poles that they present the appearance of **veritable ropes of pods**. When cooked they stand without a peer for their extreme tenderness, delicate quality and delicious flavor. They grow almost a solid mass of pods from the ground up. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express, pt., 15c.; qt., 40c.

### WILLOW LEAF LIMA.

The **Willow Leaf Lima** is undoubtedly one of our most valuable beans, not only for its rich, pleasing foliage, but also for its extra fine qualities as a table bean, either in a green or a dry state. They ripen about the same time as other Lima Beans. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, pt., 15c.; qt., 25c.; 4 qts., 90c.



Take the **Wilmer Atkinson Farm Journal**, 50 cts. a year. It will be sent one year to any one ordering seeds by the packet from this catalogue to the amount of \$1.00 or over, if no other premium is taken.

**EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE—"WILSON'S LAZY WIVES" POLE BEANS. SEE PAGE 1**

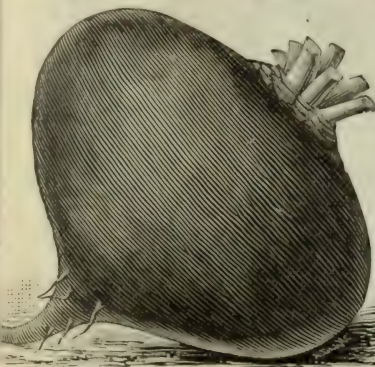


# WILSON'S SELECTED LIST OF VEGETABLE BEETS AND MANGELS FOR 1897

When Beet Seed is ordered at mail prices, and wished by express or freight, deduct 8c. per pound from catalogue prices.

## BEETS

**Wilson's Improved Early Blood Turnip.** As will be seen by the illustration, they are perfect in form, smooth, good size and desirable in every way. Nearly as early as the Eclipse and Egyptian, they are more easily grown and handsomer in appearance. Wilson's Improved Early Blood Turnip Beet is dark red flesh and skin, remarkably tender, rich and sugary when cooked; keep their good qualities until late in the season, and if sown as late as June 20th, will make a good winter beet. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.; 3 lbs., \$1.50.



**NEW COLUMBIA.** Best early table variety. A first quality, extra early beet, and one that would answer well for winter use if sown later. Sown early in the spring, it is one of the first to be ready for market or the table. Sown in July or August, it takes the place of our best winter varieties, and will keep solid and sweet until spring; blood red, tender, rich and melting. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

**EARLY EGYPTIAN.** This, next to the Eclipse, is the earliest of the early turnip beets. Roots turnip shape; intensely dark red flesh and skin; tender and sweet when young. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 55c.; 2 lbs., \$1.00.

**EDMAND'S EARLY TURNIP.** This splendid variety has very small tops, neat, short foliage; beets handsome, round, very smooth and of good marketable size; the skin is deep blood red in color; the flesh also is very dark red, sweet and tender. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**MITCHELL'S EXTRA EARLY.** This has the color and small top of the well-known Egyptian variety, which fits it for growing under glass. The defects found in other varieties are entirely absent in the Mitchell Beet. We recommend it to all for private use or market purposes. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 55c.; 2 lbs., \$1.00.

**WILSON'S IMPROVED EARLY BASSANO.** This has been known for a long time as one of the best in the market. The flesh is remarkably rich, tender and sweet, light red or deep cherry color, fine form, free from rootlets, comes into use almost as early as any, and owing to its beautiful color and excellent quality, brings the highest price in the market. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 55c.; 2 lbs., \$1.00.

**DEWING'S IMPROVED.** An excellent variety of blood turnip beet, not quite so early as Wilson's Improved. Grows to a good size, very tender and sweet when cooked; keeps late in the winter. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**ECLIPSE.** This variety is a great acquisition to our list of turnip beets. It is as early as the Egyptian and much more desirable, owing to its globe shape, great smoothness, firm, small top, very sweet, fine flesh and intense dark blood color. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**Bastian's Extra Early Red Turnip.** Profitable for the market gardener; very early, of quick, large growth; fine turnip form and bright red color. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**THE LENTZ.** A new strain of Blood Turnip Beet. It is fully as early as the Egyptian, but larger and of better quality, turnip shape, with smooth roots, dark blood-red flesh, tender and sweet, never becoming tough or stringy; small top, very productive and a good keeper. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 30c.; lb., \$1.00.

**EARLY YELLOW TURNIP.** Similar to the red turnip, excepting in color, which is of a bright yellow; very sweet and fine flavored. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.; 2 lbs., \$1.00.

**Bastian's Half-Long Blood Winter.** One of the best winter varieties, grows to a good size, carries its thickness well down, a good cropper, keeps well in winter. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

**LONG BLOOD WINTER.** An old and well-tried variety, good in the fall, good in the winter, good to keep and good every way. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

## SUGAR BEETS

**LANE'S IMPROVED.** The most popular, profitable and productive variety in cultivation. For feeding cattle, sheep or swine it has no equal. Will yield from thirty to forty tons per acre, at a cost of five cents per bushel. The beets grow to a large size, very free from side roots, easily grown and excellent keepers. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, lb., 35c.; 3 lbs., \$1.00; 5 lbs., \$1.50.

**RED TOP.** This is a productive, hardy and symmetrically-shaped variety. The foliage is abundant, standing erect, so that it admits of close cultivation. The root is about four inches in diameter at the shoulder, and tapers gradually to a point. This variety will yield a crop of nearly twenty tons to the acre, containing about eight per cent. of sugar. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, lb., 30c.; 3 lbs., 80c.; 5 lbs., \$1.25.

**Vilmorin's Improved.** This is also a French beet, exceedingly rich in saccharine matter; said to be the sweetest and most sugary beet that grows. It is not only valuable for stock-feeding and sugar-making purposes, but highly esteemed as a table beet, being exceedingly sweet and nutritious. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 35c. By express or freight, not prepaid, lb., 30c.; 5 lbs., \$1.25.

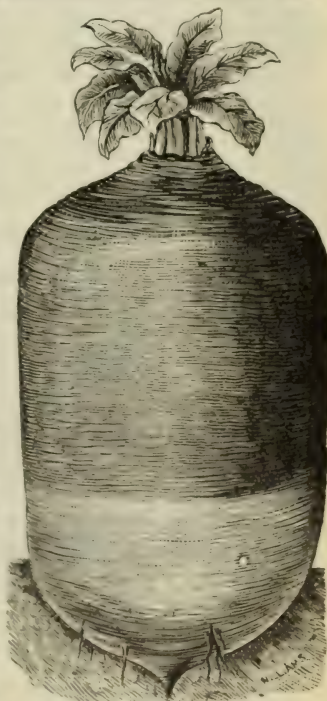
## MANGEL-WURZELS

**GOLDEN GIANT INTERMEDIATE MANGEL.** This new and distinct variety is a great improvement over the old Yellow Intermediate, being much larger and more even in shape, and of a beautiful yellow russet color. It grows more than half above ground, with fine neck and large leaves; flesh white, firm, sweet, greatly relished by cattle. It is a magnificent root, producing enormous crops; easily pulled and an excellent keeper. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 40c. By express, 5 lbs. and over, 30c. per lb.

**MAHMOUD PRIZE LONG RED MANGEL.** This is decidedly the heaviest cropper, the largest and best long red mangel in cultivation. Single specimens have been grown to weigh sixty-five pounds, and a field has averaged thirty-five to forty pounds per single roots. The length is about the same as the common long red, but is noted for its massive shape and broad shoulders. The flesh is red, very fine texture and excellent quality. For feeding dairy cows it has no superior. Five pounds will plant one acre. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 40c. By express or freight, lb., 30c.; 5 lbs., \$1.25.

**CHAMPION RED GLOBE.** This variety is valued for its earliness, productiveness and being well adapted to shallow soil. The roots are smooth, globe-shaped and about eight inches in diameter. It is preferred by many for feeding over the larger and coarser kinds. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 35c. By express or freight, not prepaid, lb., 30c.; 5 lbs., \$1.25.

**GOLDEN TANKARD.** This new and distinct variety is a most important addition to our list of roots for stock feeding, as it contains less water and more sugar than any other mangel. On account of its peculiar shape, it can be left very close in the rows, and is a very heavy cropper. Under high cultivation, it has yielded seventy-five tons per acre. Comes earlier to maturity than other sorts. Hardy and valuable for feeding on the ground. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, lb., 35c.; 3 lbs., \$1.00; 5 lbs., \$1.50.



Golden Tankard Yellow-Fleshed Mangel.

60,000 POUNDS TO THE ACRE—THE GOLDEN GIANT MANGEL. SEE PAGE 11.



# Wilson's Selected List of EARLY and LATE CABBAGE for 1897.

When Cabbage Seeds are Ordered at Mail Prices to be sent by Express or Freight, deduct 8c. per lb.

We claim our Cabbage Seed to be equal to any in the country. Without insulting our patrons by representing illustrations and pictures of heads of cabbage higher than a man's head, and which everyone knows never could or never did grow, we will merely say that for the last ten years we have made a specialty of cabbage seed, and can show as good a record in this line as any seed house in America. Our seed has all been grown from the best selected heads, and is warranted to germinate, grow and produce heads equal to any seed that can be had.

## EARLY VARIETIES.

**EARLY EXPRESS.** This wonderful new variety of early cabbage has fully kept its great reputation as being decidedly the earliest cabbage in cultivation, and is fully one week to ten days earlier than the Etampes, which has always been considered the earliest. The heads are good size, solid, crisp, tender and fine flavored. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.50.



Extra Early Etampes.

private families or early market gardeners. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.50.

**EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD.** This well-established variety needs no recommendation. We will only say that our seed has been grown from selected heads of the best stock seed in the country. No other cabbage is as largely planted for main crops as the Early Jersey Wakefield, and no other variety is as productive and gives as good satisfaction as this well-tried and popular sort. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.50.

**LARGE EARLY YORK.** This old and well-established sort still has its favorites among many. Not quite so early as the Etampes, but good quality and a sure header. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.25.

**EARLY CANNON BALL.** Forms round, solid heads, very hard and heavy, hence its name, Cannon Ball. It is only about ten days later than the Early York, and possesses the decided merit of forming hard heads. Per pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.50.

**PEERLESS EARLY.** A cross made by a Massachusetts market gardener, who claims it to be a superior early variety; forming large heads (often weighing more than twelve pounds apiece). Very round and uniform in shape and general appearance, fine grained, small, short, stump, with few loose leaves. It remains in good condition after being fully matured. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.25.

## SUMMER VARIETIES.

**THE WORLD BEATER.** This variety, but lately introduced, has attained a reputation seldom equaled by any other fall or winter cabbage. Not only on account of its fine grain, excellent quality and delicious flavor, but also for the large size of the heads, which are almost as solid as a rock. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.; lb., \$2.00.

**HENDERSON'S EARLY SUMMER.** Very popular with market gardeners. It forms large, solid, round, flattened, compact heads of excellent quality. Our seed is true, and grown from good, selected heads. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c.; lb., \$1.60.

**THE VANDERGAW.** A variety originally procured at a cost of ten dollars a pound from the Long Island market gardener whose name it bears. Mr. Vandergaw has been selecting this variety with great care for many years, until it now produces large, solid heads. The quality is very fine, and it is remarkable for its certainty to head. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c.; lb., \$1.75.

**EARLY DWARF FLAT DUTCH.** A standard second early market variety. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 65c.; lb., \$2.25.

**ACME FLAT DUTCH.** Entirely distinct from the Premium Flat Dutch, quicker grown and earlier to mature. It is very handsome in appearance, stumps very short, heads uniform and well developed, of good marketable size, hard, solid and fine-grained. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.; lb., \$1.65.

SAMUEL WILSON, Dear Sir:—My report of your seeds for 1896 is: Early Winningstadt Cabbage and Henderson's Early Summer did fine. Best of All Beans are the very best. Early May-flower Tomato and other seeds were all good.

Yours very respectfully, JOHN D. K. MARSHALL.



Wilson's Improved Early Winningstadt.

**WILSON'S IMPROVED WINNINGSTADT.** This variety of Winningstadt Cabbage we have been improving for the last seven years, by carefully selecting each year for seed the largest, finest and best heads, until we now have a strain of Winningstadt Cabbage not excelled, if equaled, by any in the world. It also has the advantage of answering for a late as well as an early cabbage. Seed sown in May and set out early in August will make fine, solid heads that will keep all winter. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.50.

**EARLY DEEP-HEAD.** Heads are large, compact and deep; an excellent keeper, making a good second early variety. It heads up firm and is of fine quality. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.25.

**FOTLER'S IMPROVED BRUNSWICK.** This improved type is decidedly the best second early large Drumhead variety in existence. It heads shortly after the Early Newark Flat Dutch or Early Summer, and is of great value for summer or fall use. The heads are large, very solid, and if the plants are set out in June or fore part of July, the heads will keep crisp and solid late in the spring. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.50.

**ALL SEASONS.** This strain of Early Drumhead Cabbage, as its name indicates, can be planted at all seasons of the year; it forms a fine large head of superior quality, seldom bursting after heading; the heads are of great thickness, which makes it a capital sort to keep through the winter. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.50.

## FALL AND WINTER VARIETIES.

**SAFE CROP CABBAGE.** An extra large late strain of a market gardener's variety, only recently introduced, and has met with wonderful success wherever tried. The plants are strong, short stem, easily transplanted, heads grow to an immense size, with few outer leaves, and has the very desirable quality of never failing to make fine, large, solid heads, no matter how dry or unfavorable the season. It also stands a long time without bursting, and has proved to be one of the best winter-keeping cabbages in cultivation. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c.; lb., \$1.50.

**PERFECTION DRUMHEAD SAVOY.** Grows large heads, nearly round, tender, excellent flavor. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c.; lb., \$1.50.

**RED DUTCH, OR PICKLING.** A variety used for pickling or filling mangoes, and considered best for this purpose. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.25.

**MAMMOTH MARBLEHEAD.** This variety grows to an enormous size and is highly prized in the South, where many varieties fail to head. The heads are not so solid as some other kinds, but are excellent for boiling, being remarkably rich, tender and buttery. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.60.

JAS. T. NAYLOR, Elkton, Va., writes: Your seeds were the best I ever planted. The melons were the finest I ever grew. Cabbage and lettuce cannot be equalled.

J. H. BROOMAL, Tyler Co., Tex., writes: Your Sure-Head Cabbages are just splendid. Out of 200 plants set out, I had 196 good solid heads.

**THE MOST PRODUCTIVE EARLY CABBAGE—WILSON'S EARLY ALL-HEAD. See Page 2.**



We pay Postage when ordered at Mail Prices. If wanted by Express or Freight, deduct 10c. per lb.



Wilson's Improved Premium Flat Dutch. Pkt., 4c.

**WILSON'S IMPROVED SHORT-STEM DRUMHEAD.** A magnificent Drumhead variety which has given such universal satisfaction that we again offer it as something of rare value and great merit. No other cabbage can vie with the Improved Short-Stem Drumhead in productiveness, beautiful appearance, excellent cooking and keeping qualities, and the immense size of the heads, many of them weighing from twenty-five to forty pounds, and have been known to average twenty pounds each on a large field. The heads are **extra hard and solid**, round, flattened on top. They grow very uniform in shape, with a strong stem from six to eight inches long, and present a very handsome appearance. **From one hundred plants set out, ninety-five large, solid heads may be expected.** Of the hundreds of letters received the past season about this wonderful, productive and valuable cabbage, all give it the highest praise. Our seed is reliable and guaranteed as represented. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.75.

## Wilson's Selected List of Cauliflowers, Chicory, Etc., for 1897.

**WILSON'S EARLY DENMARK.** The Denmark is the earliest variety in cultivation, and it produces heads of unusual size, snow-white (see cut), very solid and firm, and of the very best possible flavor. The Early Denmark will head out one week before any other, producing fine, large, solid heads. Another great advantage the Early Denmark has is its unfailing certainty to head—at least ninety-five out of every hundred plants can be counted on to make a fine head. We recommend the Early Denmark over all other kinds, as we know from actual experience that it is the earliest, finest, best and surest header of all. By mail, pkt., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 50c.; oz., \$1.75.

**IMPROVED EARLY SNOWBALL.** This variety, lately introduced, has proved a great success wherever tried. Seeds sown by March 1st have produced fine heads, twelve inches across, by June 10th. It has proved to be a sure header, and seldom fails to form fine, large heads. This variety can be as easily grown as cabbages, and should be found in every man's garden, both rich and poor. The seed we offer is superior to much sold in the country under the head of Early Snowball. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 50c.; oz., \$1.60.

**VEITCH'S AUTUMN GIANT.** The heads of this variety are well protected by the foliage, and remain for a long time fit for use. They are beautiful and white, large, firm and compact. Recommended for the Southern States. Per pkt., 8c.; oz., 65 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., \$2.00; lb., \$7.00.

**EARLY DWARF ERFURT. (Selected.)** A reliable header; very dwarf, with solid, pure white heads of superior quality. If planted the first of March, heads nine to twelve inches in diameter will be ready early in June, in which month the entire crop can be marketed. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 40c.; oz., \$1.50.

**ALGIERS.** A really fine variety; generally sure to head, and one of the best for late use; the heads remain firm and solid for a long time. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz., 40c.; oz., 75c.

### CRESS (Full directions on each package)

**Fine Curled (Pepper Grass).** This little salad will bear cutting several times; by mail, lettuce its leaves impart an agreeable taste. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.

**Water Cress.** One of the most deliciously flavored salads; thrives best in shallow water, where it will increase from year to year. By mail, pkt., 8c.; oz., 30c.

**Upland Cress.** This is a hardy perennial, thriving in any good garden soil, wet or dry. In early spring it is the first green thing to make its appearance. The Upland Cress, besides its value as a vegetable, is also highly prized as a blood purifier, and is very beneficial in cases of scrofula and diseases of the liver and kidneys. Our seed is genuine, but limited in quantity. By mail, pkt., 8c.; 3 pkts., 20c.

**FOR WILSON'S CELEBRATED SURE-HEAD CABBAGE, SEE PAGE 2.**

**WILSON'S IMPROVED PREMIUM FLAT DUTCH.** It is with pride we call the attention of our customers to this valuable strain of Late Flat Dutch Cabbage. Of all the varieties of winter cabbage, the Premium Flat Dutch is probably more planted than any other. We have been for years trying to improve this old and favorite stand-by. For this purpose we have carefully selected the largest, finest and best heads each year for seed, until we now have one of the best strains of Flat Dutch that can be had. We have frequently had single heads to weigh over thirty-five pounds, and to average twenty pounds on a large patch. The heads run evenly in size, solid, flattened on top (see cut), fine-grained, excellent quality, and keep solid and crisp until late in the spring. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.40. By express or freight, not prepaid, per lb., \$1.25; 2 lbs., \$2.25.

**Improved Large Late Drumhead.** An old-fashioned variety similar in many respects to the Late Flat Dutch, but the heads are more rounded at the top, and it is generally longer in the stem. It has been improved by careful selection of heads and good culture. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c.; lb., \$1.35.

**FILDERKRAUT.** A variety of recent introduction from Germany, somewhat resembling the well-known Winningstadt, but larger in every respect. The heads are very hard and solid and of excellent quality, conical in shape. A sure header and does well in all localities. Extensively used for making kraut. Per pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.65.



Wilson's Early Denmark Cauliflower. Pkt., 8c.

**CHICORY** Cut up and dry the roots, roast and grind like coffee.

**Large Rooted.** Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.

**COLLARDS.** Extensively used in the South.

**Georgia.** Large, loose, open head. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35c.

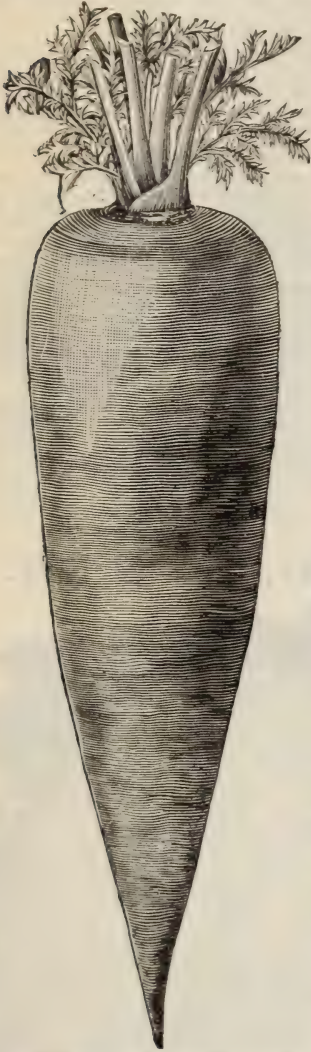
### CORN SALAD

**Large, Round-Leaved.** Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.



## CARROTS

**WILSON'S IMPROVED LONG ORANGE.** Our Improved Long Orange Carrots, as will be seen by the illustration annexed, are far superior to the ordinary varieties of Long Orange Carrots, and will yield fully twice as much to the acre as the common varieties. In no other vegetable has there been such improvements recently made as in the carrot, and after



Improved Long Orange Carrot.

in gathering the crop. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

**DANVER'S HALF-LONG ORANGE.** Originated in the town of Danvers, Mass., in which vicinity the raising of carrots is made a special business, twenty to thirty tons per acre being no unusual crop. In form it is midway between the Long Orange and Short Horn. The root is of a dark, rich orange color, and grows very smooth and handsome. It is first-class for all soils. It is claimed by the Danvers growers that this carrot will yield the greatest bulk with the smallest length of root of any now grown. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 60c. By express or freight, not prepaid, per lb., 50c.

**NEW INTERMEDIATE.** The roots grow very regular and smooth; they are of good size, being from ten to twelve inches in length and two to three inches in diameter at the top, tapering gradually from the shoulder to the tip of the root. Per pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 70c.

**IMPROVED SHORT WHITE.** This new variety is undoubtedly one of the most productive and best for feeding stock. The roots are short, very heavy at the shoulder, tapering to the point. Uniformly smooth in form, they are easily harvested. The color is white below the ground and light green above; flesh rich, white, solid, crisp, and nutritious. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 70c.

years of laboring to this end, we claim to have the best strain of Long Orange Carrot there is to be found in this country. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 60c. By express or freight, not prepaid, 60c. per lb.

**SCARLET SHORT HORN.** The earliest and best for table use. Small top, roots smooth, tapering abruptly to a small point. The flesh of this variety is tender, rich, and fine flavored. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 75c.

**THE MODEL.** The best shape and finest quality of any variety for the table; somewhat longer than the Short Horn, thicker at the shoulder, and more productive; very smooth and fine. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 70c.

**Large White Vorges.** Roots very large. Skin and flesh white, and of fine quality. Easily dug, enormously productive and valuable for feeding purposes. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

**Large White Belgian.** Attains large size; root thick and long; flesh bronze color; prolific; excellent for stock. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 50c. Express or freight, not prepaid, 45c. per lb.

**Ox-Heart Carrot.**

This new carrot comes from France. It is intermediate as to length between the half-long varieties (such as Danvers) and the Short Horn Carrot, much thicker than the latter, attaining at the top from three to four inches in diameter. It is of fine quality, and will prove of value both in family and market gardens, as well as for feeding purposes. It will yield large crops on ordinary soils, and requires much less trouble

## CELERY

**The Giant**

**Pascal Celery** is an offspring of the Golden Self-Blanching. The fine large stalks are always crisp and brittle, snapping like glass; the heart is a rich golden-yellow, even while growing. The quality is simply superb, having the most delicious, rich, nutty flavor, unequalled by any variety in cultivation. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.; lb., \$2.00.

**GOLDEN SELF-BLANCHING.** This is a medium-sized variety, neither tall nor dwarf, beautiful in its appearance of growth, close and compact habit; straight and vigorous stalks, ribs solid, crisp, brittle, and of most delicious, nutty, fragrant flavor. But its greatest superiority over all others consists in its remarkable self-blanching properties. Without any hilling-up, excepting to keep it compact, this excellent celery will flourish and blanch as it grows, the outer stalks only retaining any of the green color. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.; lb., \$2.25.

**THE KALAMAZOO.**

This variety has been found by experienced celery growers to be not only profitable and reliable, but also of superior quality. It is a rich, creamy-white color throughout, attains a good size, of very quick growth and close habit, the outer ribs growing straight and upright from the start, without sprawling out like most other kinds. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.; lb., \$1.75.

**WHITE PLUME CELERY.** Each year adds to the popularity and value of this variety. Many market gardeners now plant their entire crop of it with the most profitable results. Like our Golden Self-Blanching, the heart and stalk is naturally white, and consequently it requires very little earthing up to blanch it. Its eating qualities are of the very best, and although its keeping qualities are not equal to our Golden Self-Blanching, yet as a celery for the fall and early winter use it is unsurpassed. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.; lb., \$2.25.

**GIANT WHITE SOLID.** The best of the large growing sorts and a favorite variety, solid, crisp and tender. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.75.

**CRAWFORD'S HALF DWARF.** When blanched it is of a yellowish-white, making it very ornamental for the table; it is solid, possessing a rich, nutty flavor. Per pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.50.

**DWARF GOLDEN HEART.** In habit of growth it resembles the Half Dwarf White, except that when blanched the heart, which is large and full, is of a waxy golden-yellow. It is entirely solid, and keeps well. Per pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c.; lb., \$1.60.

**BOSTON MARKET.** It is a vigorous grower, of medium height; very early, and an excellent keeper. It is very solid, white, of rather loose habit. Per pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c.; lb., \$1.75.

**PERFECTION HEARTWELL.** Large, golden-yellow heart. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.

**CELERIAC, OR TURNIP-ROOTED.**

**APPLE-SHAPED.** A new kind, with small foliage, the roots being smoother and rounder than the old sort. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.75.

**SUP, OR FLAVORING CELERY (Old Seed).** Used for flavoring soups, pepper sauce, etc. Oz., 5c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 10c.; lb., 30c.

MILTON, DEL. June 6, 1896.  
SAMUEL WILSON. Dear Sir:—Your onion seed is the best we ever planted. Every seed grew.  
J. HASTINGS.

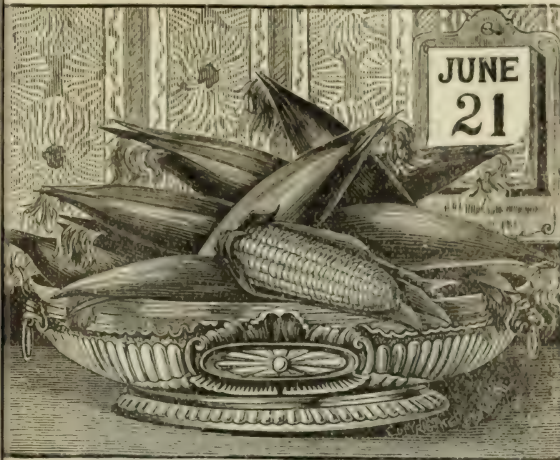


The Giant Pascal.

FOR NEW ENGLISH ROSE CELERY, SEE NOVELTY PAGE 4.



## SUGAR CORN



First of All Sugar Corn. Pkt., 8c.

**FIRST OF ALL.** Heretofore The Cory was considered the earliest table variety. It seems almost impossible that a sweet corn could be found earlier than the Cory, but such is now the fact, as it has been demonstrated by thorough experiments. The First of All will mature and be ready to use four to six days earlier than the Cory or any other variety yet introduced. Habits of growth dwarfish; ears well filled out and have ten to twelve rows each. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 8c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 35c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.25.

**CORY.** We have been growing this excellent corn for several years, and find it to fulfill all the desirable qualities claimed for it, viz.: Ten days earlier, larger ears and better quality than any other, excepting the First of All. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 35c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 20c.; peck, \$1.00.

**FORD HOOK EARLY.** Although this is not an entirely new variety, yet it possesses qualities so much superior to other extra early kinds of sugar corn that we place it at the head of the list of all early varieties, both for market purposes and family use. Is fully as early as the Cory, ears twice as large, better quality, and more productive. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 35c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 20c.; 4 qts., 65c.; peck, \$1.00; bushel, \$3.50.

**COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.** In this we have a variety which produces ears of full size, retaining all the delicious sweetness and high quality of the original *Ne Plus Ultra*. The crop can be counted on to give three to five ears to a stalk. The cob is very small, thereby giving great depth to the kernels, which are of pearly whiteness, and we cannot say too often, **surprisingly sweet and tender.** By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 35c. By express or freight, qt., 20c.; peck, \$1.00.

**STABLE'S EARLY.** A new variety of larger size than usual for the early kinds. It is remarkable for sweetness and earliness, ripens nearly as early as the Marblehead; a desirable gardener's and canning variety. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 35c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 20c.; peck, 90c.

**EARLY MINNESOTA.** Not quite so early as the Cory, but very productive, growing from four to five ears to a stalk. It is the standard early sugar corn with market gardeners and truckers. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 35c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 20c.; peck, 90c.

**CLARK'S EARLY NONE-SUCH.** The introducer, a thoroughly informed grower, says this variety is the best out of over eighty sorts which he now grows. It is a strong, vigorous grower and heavy yielder; pink-colored cobs with white grain of good size, tinged with pink at the cob end; it has twelve to fourteen rows and comes into use after the earlier varieties. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 35c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 20c.; peck, \$1.00.

**CROSBY'S EARLY TWELVE-ROWED.** Although called "twelve-rowed" it frequently has only ten rows. The great merit of this sort is in its excellent quality, being very sweet and juicy, and fully equal to any variety in flavor. Pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 35c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 20c.; peck, 75c.

**IMPROVED RUBY.** Stalks a dark-red color, from six to seven feet high, and bear from two to three ears of good size, completely filled with large, pure white grains. The corn is so sweet that it is palatable when raw in the field; matures slightly earlier than Stowell's Evergreen. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 35c. By freight, not prepaid, qt., 20c.; peck, \$1.00; bushel, \$3.50.

**HONEY.** A most delicious variety; six feet high, two to three good ears on one stalk. Post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 30c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 20c.; peck, 75c.

**WILSON'S IMPROVED STOWELL'S EVERGREEN.** This variety has long since been, and perhaps is to-day more largely planted than any other for a main crop, both by private families and market gardeners, also for canning. It can be planted as early in the spring as any other, and for a succession can be planted with good results as late as July 4th. By planting late, good boiling ears can be ready for market late in the fall, when the frosts have killed the outer husks. Wilson's Improved Stowell's Evergreen is equal to any strain of Stowell's Evergreen that can be found in the market. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 30c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 20c.; 4 qts., 50c.; peck, 75c.; bushel, \$2.50.

**MAMMOTH LATE EVERGREEN.** Produces the largest ears of any variety. It ripens later than Stowell's Evergreen; is very juicy and fine eating; largely used by canners. By mail, pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 30c. By freight, not prepaid, qt., 20c.; 4 qts., 50c.; peck, 75c.; bushel, \$2.50.

**BLACK MEXICAN.** Highly prized for table use, very sweet and delicious; by many considered the most sugary of all. By mail, per pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 35c.

**EGYPTIAN, OR WASHINGTON MARKET.** The latest variety, later than the Mammoth, and fully ten days later than the Evergreen. Ears large and uniform. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 35c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 20c.; 4 qts., 60c.; peck, \$1.00.



Stowell's Evergreen.

## POP-CORN

**CALIFORNIA, OR GOLDEN POP-CORN.** This beautiful, curious and miniature pop-corn is certainly the most beautiful variety of corn we have ever seen. The stalks grow three and a half feet high, bearing numerous miniature ears, from two to three inches in length, perfect in form; deep pointed grains, of a fine, rich golden color. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 35c.

**QUEEN'S GOLDEN.** Has become unusually popular wherever tried, not only for its strong, healthy, vigorous growth, beautiful appearance of the ear, but also for its excellent popping qualities. By mail, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 35c.

**GOLDEN TOM THUMB.** A beautiful dwarf variety growing only eighteen inches high. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 35c.

**ILLINOIS SNOW-BALL.** The finest popping variety in existence. The stalks grow to a medium height, three or four good-sized ears on a stalk. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 35c.

**MAPLEDALE PROLIFIC.** The most prolific variety in cultivation. The stalks grow about six feet high, and are studded with ears from the ground up. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 35c.

**RED BEAUTY.** Superior to many other varieties, both in productiveness, quality and appearance. The stalks grow about five feet high and are thickly studded with ears from the ground up. The ears are about five inches in length, small red cob, closely packed with deep grains of a bright, glossy, light-red color. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 35c.

**IRA WOODWARD, Logansport, Ind.,** September 28, 1896, writes: All the seeds we got from you last spring did well. My garden was the best for many miles around. The Improved Stowell's Evergreen Sugar Corn was the finest I ever raised. Many of the ears were ten to twelve inches long.



Queen's Golden.

• 108 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE—DR. WOODHULL CORN. SEE PAGE 24.



When Cucumber Seed is ordered at mail prices, and wished by express or freight, deduct 8c. per pound.

## CUCUMBERS



**Wilson's Improved Green Cluster.** Of all the early varieties this we consider the best and most profitable for market gardeners and private families, as it is fit for table use nearly as early as the Early Russian, is better size (see cut), much more prolific, and remains in a bearing condition longer than any of the early sorts. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**GIANT PERA.** The cucumbers are set very close together, and continue bearing until killed by frost. They grow very uniform, smooth and straight, clear of spines, skin green, retaining their fine appearance and excellent quality until nearly ripe. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.

**NICHOL'S MEDIUM GREEN.** The name "Medium Green" is descriptive of the size, it being longer than the White Spine, but not so long as the Long Green. The cucumbers are very thick through and are full at both ends. The skin is light green in color and very smooth. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**NEW EVER-BEARING.** This new variety will prove very useful from its ever-bearing character. It sets fruit early and continues to blossom and set fruit throughout the entire summer. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**Wilson's Improved Long Green Pickling.** Of all the varieties of late pickling cucumbers, this is decidedly the best and most profitable, both for private families and market gardeners. Planted early in the spring, they will produce an abundance of early cucumbers, either suitable for pickles or table use. Planted in June or July, it will bear heavy crops of nice green pickles until killed by frost. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**NEW WHITE PEARL.** The best white cucumber yet introduced, maturing early and bearing continuously through the season. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 65c.

**COOL AND CRISP (New).** In shape, this new cucumber is one of the most desirable for pickles. Until they reach their full size, they are of a very dark green color, almost "black," and of very attractive appearance. While primarily a pickling variety, it is also useful for slicing. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 65c.

**NEW GIANT WHITE.** These grow from twelve to sixteen inches long by from two to three inches in diameter, very uniform, straight and perfectly smooth. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.

**IMPROVED CHICAGO PICKLE.** Mr. Westerfield, who has been largely interested in the business, claims that in this very prolific variety he has combined all the qualities desired by those who raise cucumbers for commercial pickles. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**NEW PARIS PICKLING.** A very desirable and distinct new French sort. The fruit is very long, slender, cylindrical; densely covered with fine prickles, and deep, rich green in color. The flesh is very crisp and tender. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.25.

The following well-known varieties, each, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c. Early Russian, Early Frame, Early White Spine, Green Prolific, Peerless White Spine, Long White Spine, West India Gherkins.

**The New Orleans Market.** (The cucumber for the South.) For illustration and description of this variety and the Japanese Climbing Cucumber, see Novelties, page 3.

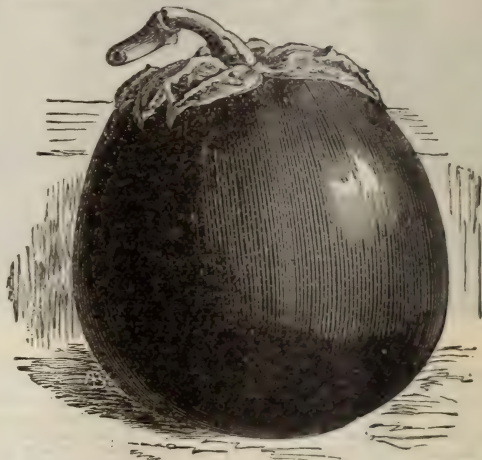
I. J. WOLFE, Grayson County, Texas, August 31, 1896, writes: The sample packet of New Orleans Market Cucumber Seed you sent me last spring for trial, was the best ever raised in this State. It certainly is the cucumber for the South.

## ENDIVE

**Green Curled.** The hardiest; very ornamental, curled leaves which blanch white and crisp. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.

**White Curled.** The most beautiful; the mid-rib is yellow and the leaves almost white. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.

## EGG PLANTS



**NEW YORK IMPROVED.** A superior strain, which is decidedly the best variety for market gardeners and family use. The plants grow strong and vigorous, with light green leaves. The fruit sets early and grows rapidly. The quality is unsurpassed; flesh white, tender and nutritious. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 25c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 80c.

**EARLY LONG PURPLE.** Much hardier and earlier than the Large Round Purple, succeeding farther north. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.

**Extra Early Round Purple.** This variety might well be described as an early New York Purple. It is the same in shape and is as fine in quality. Its great merit is its hardness and earliness, making it very valuable for northern sections. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.

## GOURDS

**The Japanese Nest-Egg Gourd** is a native of Japan, where it is extensively grown for nest-eggs and ornamental purposes. It is a handsome and rapid-growing plant, well adapted for covering screens, arbors, old sheds, etc. The eggs so nearly resemble the size, color and shape of hen's eggs, and having a hard shell when ripe, that they are valuable for that purpose. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 25c.

**DISHCLOTH OR LUFFA.** The peculiar lining of this gourd partakes of the nature of a sponge, but much tougher, more elastic and more durable. When dried and taken from the shell, it makes one of the best dishcloths and is much preferred over muslin or linen for that purpose. The vine is a beautiful climber, with deep green foliage, bearing a great profusion of orange-colored blossoms. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.

**Sugar Trough.** Useful for many household purposes, such as buckets, baskets, nest-boxes, soap and salt dishes, and for storing the winter's lard. They grow to hold from four to ten gallons each, have thick, hard shells, very light, but durable. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.

**Dipper.** Very useful for many household purposes. They are easily prepared for use as dippers, will last for years, and are particularly valuable for dipping hot liquids. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.

## KOHL RABI

**Green or White.** Good for table use and stock feeding. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.

**Early White Vienna.** The best for market or table use. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.

## LEEK

**SCOTCH CHAMPION LEEK.** A very fine variety of the largest size; hardy and of rapid growth. The leaves are of a beautiful dark green color; the edible stem is seven to eight inches long and three inches in diameter. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.50.

**BROAD LONDON FLAG.** Very large variety, with broad leaves growing on both sides. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.; lb., \$1.00.

**NEW GIANT ITALIAN.** The largest variety in cultivation. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.50.

THE DR. WOODHULL CORN STILL LEADS THE FIELD. SEE PAGE 24.



## LETTUCE

**NEW EARLY STONEHEAD GOLDEN-YELLOW.** The earliest heading variety in cultivation. For an early spring forcing head lettuce it certainly has no equal. Very solid, beautiful head. It is of excellent quality and in every way desirable for table use. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.

**EARLY CURLED SILENIA.** A fine, early, curled variety; does not head; leaves large and tender, fine flavor. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.

**EARLY WHITE CABBAGE.** One of the earliest; a fine heading variety; strong and vigorous grower; tender and fine-flavored; produces fine, large heads, tender and crisp; sure to head, and of quick growth. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.



Wilson's Improved Hanson Lettuce.

**IMPROVED HANSON.** An improved strain of this superior curled heading variety, of large size, often weighing three pounds; sweet, tender and crisp, of a beautiful green without and white within. Resists heat and drought well. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35c.

**NEW ICEBERG.** A handsome new cabbage lettuce of fine quality. The large, curly leaves which cover the outside of the solid heads are of a bright, light green; they have small indents, which hold the dewdrops, and they are thus kept fresh and show a remarkably crystalline appearance, which well warrants the name of Iceberg. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.

**GOLDEN HEART.** This variety produces heads of very large size, firm and solid. It grows quickly, is ready for use early and continues to remain in excellent condition for weeks. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.

**DENVER MARKET.** Suitable either for forcing or open ground. It forms large, solid heads and is very slow to go to seed. Leaves are beautifully marked and blistered; very crisp and tender and of excellent flavor. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.

**NEW PERPETUAL.** An excellent variety, one of the best for family use; of distinct form, not heading, but forming large, compact bushes, the leaves curling outward from the top, free from any bitter taste, tender and crisp even to the outer leaves. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.

**WILSON'S IMPROVED TOMHANNOCK.** The Tomhannock Lettuce forms a beautiful and attractive plant twelve inches high and ten inches across. The leaves grow upright, a beautiful bronze, glossy color; inner leaves white; crisp, tender and brittle. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.

**NEW HARD-HEAD.** This is undoubtedly the hardest-headed variety in existence. Almost as hard as cabbage. Crisp, tender, excellent quality and a splendid keeper. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.

**CALIFORNIA CREAM BUTTER.** This splendid variety is a native of California. It forms round, solid heads; outside the heads are of a medium green; within the leaves are of a very rich creamy-yellow color. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.

**GOLD NUGGET.** A beautiful, small, hard-headed variety. Outer leaves are a rich golden-yellow, making it very attractive. Quality the best. Especially adapted to small gardens. Post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.

**BROWN DUTCH.** A splendid black-seeded variety, very desirable both for early table use and heading. Stands the heat of summer best of any. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.

**SILVER BALL.** This lettuce produces a beautiful head, very firm, solid and compact, with handsomely-curved leaves. The head is of an attractive silvery-white color, very rich, buttery and of the most delicious flavor. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.

**BUTTERCUP.** A new variety from Germany, equally good for winter and summer use or forcing; early, forming large, solid heads of bright citron-colored foliage. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.

## MUSKMELONS

**THE EMERALD GEM.** One of the most delicious flavored varieties. The skin, while ribbed, is smooth, and of a very deep emerald-green color. The flesh, which is thicker than in any melon of the same size, is of a beautiful salmon color, and ripens thoroughly to the extremely thin rind. Flavor is sweet and luscious. Melons early and of most superb quality. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 65c.

**WILSON'S TWENTY-DAY.** The Twenty-Day is a medium-sized muskmelon, weighing from two to three pounds each, thickly netted, slightly ribbed, flesh light green, thick-meated, sweet and rich. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c.; lb., \$1.50.

**MILLER'S CREAM.** This is a beautiful, slightly ribbed melon, but little netted, very uniform and regular in size, weighing about five pounds each. The flesh is a rich salmon color, very thick-meated, rind unusually thin. The flavor of this melon is simply delicious, being remarkably sweet, spicy, and fragrant. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

**WINTER PINEAPPLE.** Melons medium size, ripening late, very productive and keeping in good condition until long after Christmas. Full directions for growing, keeping and using, printed on each package. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.00.

**CHAMPION MARKET.** Of very handsome appearance, immensely productive, unusually sweet, rich, and spicy flavor, and the best adapted for market purposes. They are thickly netted, thin, but firm and solid rind, making them valuable for shipping purposes. Their flesh is light green, very thick; remains good a long time after being picked. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.; lb., 80c.

**NEW MELROSE.** A very hardy new variety, of oval shape and dark-green color. It is densely netted, without ribs, and its beautiful green flesh is of very superior quality. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.; lb., 90c.

**MONTREAL NUTMEG.** This is a beautiful slightly ribbed melon, but little netted, very uniform and regular in size, weighing about five pounds each. The flesh is a rich salmon color, very thick-meated, rind unusually thin. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.; lb., 80c.

**NEW SUPERIOR.** A beautiful, new, round muskmelon originated in New Jersey, free from ribs and densely netted. Flesh light green and of the finest quality. Our customers will find it a very superior melon for either home or market garden. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.



**NEW EARLY HACKENSACK.** This valuable variety is ready for market fully ten days ahead of the well-known Hackensack, its progenitor, which it much resembles. The melons are almost equal in size to the old Hackensack, weighing from five to ten pounds each. It is very productive, averaging five to six melons on the vine, all very deeply netted. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.; lb., 75c.

**BECK'S NEW COLUMBUS.** The beautiful buff skin is covered with a very thick, whitish netting; the flesh is light green, very solid and thick. The vines are strong and thrifty, and the melons, even if left on the vines a week after they are ripe and ready to pick, still retain their good quality. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

### OTHER STANDARD MUSKMELONS.

The following standard varieties are so well known as not to require any detailed description. We offer them at the uniform price of 4c. per pkt.; 10c. per oz.; 20c. per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb.; 50c. per lb. Early Jenny Lind, Netted Gem, Delmonico, Banquet, Prolific Nutmeg, Banana.

**Vegetable Peach or Mango Melon.** A beautiful fruit, half way between a peach and a melon. Very productive; excellent for pies, preserves, mangoes, etc. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.

See Novelty Pages 4 and 5 for NEW VARIETIES OF LETTUCE, MUSKMELONS, ETC.



## WILSON'S SELECTED LIST OF WATERMELONS

When Melon Seed is ordered at mail prices, and wished by express or freight, deduct 8c. per pound.

**FORD HOOK EARLY.** After another year's trial, this melon has proved to be the best extra early variety in existence. The Ford Hook Early is a medium-sized, roundish melon; flesh bright red, firm, unusually sweet and delicious; melons set thickly on the vines and grow to a good size. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 70c.

**JORDAN'S GRAY MONARCH, or LONG WHITE ICING.** This distinct melon is, without doubt, one of the largest of all, frequently attaining a weight of seventy pounds and over. The skin is a mottled gray color; shape long; flesh bright crimson, and of sweet, delicious flavor. It is also a fine shipper, carrying well long distances and bringing very high prices. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.; 5 lbs., \$2.00.

**VICK'S EARLY.** Not yet very desirable for an early variety, either for market or home use. Oblong in shape, smooth, medium size; flesh bright pink, solid and sweet. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 40c.

**PHINNEY'S EARLY.** This is as early as Vick's and has the advantage of larger size and better shape for market purposes. The outer skin is mottled a dark green, thin rind, sweet and delicious, very productive. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 40c.

**KOLB'S GEM.** The Kolb's Gem is a beautiful round-shaped melon. They are very uniform in size, green-striped skin, thin rind, and unusually sweet, sugary and delicious. Very productive, ripening early, and in every way a first-class melon. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 45c.

**DELAWARE.** A cross between Mammoth Iron-Clad and the old Mountain Sweet. The melons are oblong in shape and very thick through. The skin is beautifully striped, dark and light green. The flesh is a brilliant red and ripens within one-half inch of the rind; very solid, luscious and sugary; one of the best melons, both for shipping and keeping. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**SEMINOLE.** A long, round melon, of most desirable shape and form. Rind unusually thin; flesh cherry red and of delicious flavor; outer skin gray and light green. Grow large, weighing from forty to seventy pounds each. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**DUKE JONES.** This new melon originated with W. M. Girardeau, the celebrated melon grower of Florida and a man who has introduced more good melons than any other person in this country or Europe. Mr. Girardeau claims the Duke Jones to be the largest, finest, most productive, sweetest and best flavored watermelon he has ever seen in his many years' experience in melon growing. The Duke Jones is a most beautiful melon, oblong shape, perfect in form, dark green skin, with lighter stripes running from stem to blossom end. The rind, though very tough, is remarkably thin. Flesh cherry-red, crisp, sweet, melting and delicious. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

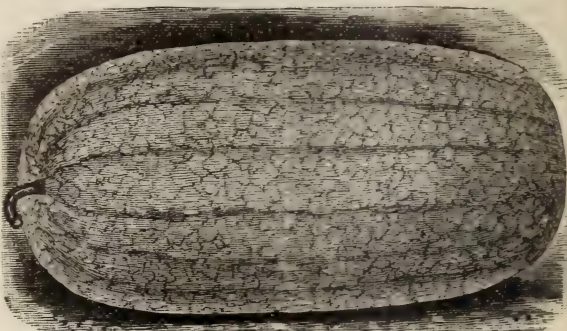
**THE DIXIE.** Originated with one of the largest melon growers in North Carolina, and is a cross between the Kolb's Gem and Mountain Sweet. The outer skin is a dark green color, beautifully striped with light green. Flesh deep scarlet, firm, sweet, sparkling and refreshing. The rind, although firm and tough, is remarkably thin, making it one of the best shippers. They invariably grow to a large size, often weighing from forty to fifty pounds. The quality is not surpassed by any other melon. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**MOUNTAIN SWEET.** An old standard variety which has almost become run out, so that it is hard to get the true seed. We have taken unusual pains to procure the genuine article, and think our customers, who wish to plant this variety, will find it all right. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 40c.

**THE CUBAN QUEEN.** Grows to a large size, often weighing from sixty to seventy pounds; thin rind, sweet, sugary and delicious. The flesh is a deep cherry-red color, solid, and an excellent keeper. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 40c.

**THE FLORIDA FAVORITE.** This delicious melon, which we were the first to introduce, originated with one of the largest melon growers in Florida. The cut is an exact

**MAMMOTH IRON-CLAD.** Grows to an immense size, single melons sometimes weighing one hundred pounds. They are very productive, sometimes bearing eight to ten large melons to a single hill, very regular in shape. The rind is unusually thin, but remarkably hard and tough, making them one of the best for shipping. Flesh is cherry-red, very solid, sweet and delicious. Our customers can rely upon getting first-class seed from us. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.



Jordan's Gray Monarch Watermelon. Pkt., 4c.

**NEW CHRISTMAS.** Has valuable keeping qualities. The flesh is a beautiful, rich scarlet color, solid and sweet. They grow to a good size, uniform in shape and are very productive. Their keeping and shipping properties are superior to any other variety. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 55c.

**PRIDE OF GEORGIA.** The melons are perfectly round in shape, striped light and dark green, uniformly of fair market size; the flesh is bright red and sweet. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**GREEN AND GOLD.** This is a fine, new, large melon, with flesh of beautiful orange color, of delicious quality. We have tested this variety for four seasons, and can recommend it as a fine family melon, as well as a curiosity. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 60c.; 5 lbs., \$2.50.

**Dark Icing, or Ice Rind.** This fine melon cannot be praised too highly for its solidity, thin rind, and rich, luscious, sugary flavor. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 55c.

**COLORADO PRESERVING CITRON.** This is quite distinct from the ordinary preserving citron, the seeds being of light green color. It is very productive. The flesh is very firm and solid, with few seeds. The preserving qualities are the very finest. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.

**MARTYNA.** This vegetable is highly prized for pickles; should be pulled when green or about half grown, and used the same as other pickles. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.

### MUSHROOMS

Mushrooms can be grown in a dry cellar, under the benches of a greenhouse, or any place where the temperature can be kept from fifty to sixty degrees through the winter. The cultivation of this valuable and most nutritious esculent is greatly on the increase. The best results are obtained by the use of English Mushroom Spawn, which is largely used by the most successful growers. Full instructions for planting will be found in our circular, "How to Grow Mushrooms," a copy of which is given free with every order for Spawn.

**ENGLISH SPAWN.** In pound bricks. By mail, each, 20c. By express or freight, lb., 15c.; 10 lbs., \$1.00.

### MUSTARD

**White.** Best for salads. By mail, oz. pkt., 4c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.  
**Black or Brown.** Better for culinary use. By mail, oz. pkt., 4c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 10c.

**New Chinese.** Very large leaves; highly esteemed. By mail, oz. pkt., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.

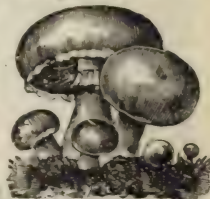
### NASTURTIUM—Indian Cress

**Tall Yellow.** For pickling or salads. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.

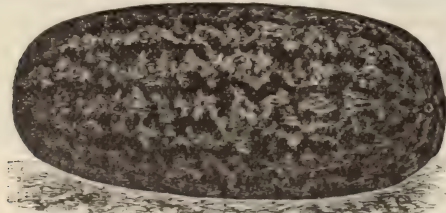
### OKRA, or GUMBO

**New Cow-Horn Okra.** A new and distinct variety, growing to the height of three feet; thickly studded with rich-looking pods, curled and twisted in the shape of a cow's horn. Hence its name. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 35c.

**White Velvet Okra.** The plants of this new Okra are distinct in appearance and manner of growth from the common varieties. The pods are much larger than any other Okra, thicker flesh, much more tender and nutritious. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.



Mushrooms.



representation. They grow to a medium size, colored with light and dark green stripes alternately, giving them a handsome appearance. They are decidedly the thinnest rind melon we have ever seen; can be eaten almost to the outer skin. Their flesh is a deep red, crisp, juicy and delicious. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

FOR NEW VARIETIES OF MELONS, SEE NOVELTY PAGE 4.



# WILSON'S SELECTED LIST OF RELIABLE ONION SEED FOR 1897

Our onion seed will be found first-class in every respect. All have been grown from selected bulbs and thoroughly tested before being offered for sale. The onion seed crop, the past year, has been good, excepting one or two varieties. Hence our prices will be found much lower than in 1896. We pay postage on all onion seed when ordered by mail. If wanted by express or freight, deduct 8c. per pound from mail prices. Six pounds of seed will sow one acre for large onions, forty to fifty pounds to the acre for sets.

## AMERICAN VARIETIES

**Extra Early Red.** This variety matures very early. It yields abundantly and is of mild flavor; of medium size; deep red in color; very close-grained, solid and heavy. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 12c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.; lb., \$1.00.



**IMPROVED YELLOW GLOBE DANVERS.** Of all the varieties for market purposes, the Yellow Globe Danvers is the most popular, as well as most valuable. Reliability, large yield and ready sale are all combined in this variety. It is perfect in shape (see cut); a rich, golden-yellow skin; flesh white, very fine-grained; mild and pleasant flavor, and an excellent keeper. Immense crops have been grown by high culture, as it is one of the most productive onions in cultivation. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 12c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.; lb., \$1.00.

**ROUND YELLOW DANVERS.** The Round Danvers is a round onion of good size, with thin, yellow skin; flesh white, fine-grained, and of excellent quality. It ripens early, keeps well and sells readily. The best for growing sets. Post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.; lb., 90c.

**LARGE RED WETHERSFIELD.** Of large size and fine form; skin deep purplish-red; flesh purplish-white; moderately fine-grained and stronger in flavor than the yellow or white onions. Very productive and an excellent keeper. Immense crops of this onion are grown for shipment and it is one of the very best sorts. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 12c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.; lb., \$1.00.

**Other Popular Standard Varieties.** The following varieties of onion seed (except where otherwise noted) will be sent by mail, post-paid, for: Pkt., 4c.; oz., 12c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.; lb., \$1.00.

**Yellow Strasburg.** Well known by all.  
**Southport Yellow Globe.** Good keeper.  
**Large Red Globe.** One of the best.  
**Extra Early Pearl.** The earliest white.  
**Large White Globe.** Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c.  
**Silver Skin or White Portugal.** Extra choice seed raised from selected bulbs. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c.; lb., \$1.00.  
**Please remember,** our onion seed is quoted at mail prices. If ordered by freight, deduct 8c. per pound.

## PARSNIPS

**IMPROVED GUERNSEY.** This improved strain is much superior to the common sort. The roots, being smooth, carry their thickness well down. They do not grow so long and tapering as some other varieties, which makes them much easier to gather. The flesh is very fine-grained and most excellent flavor. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**LONG SMOOTH HOLLOW CROWN.** A great cropper, tender and sugary, keeping well through the winter; grow to a large size and valuable for general cultivation. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**NEW IDEAL HOLLOW CROWN.** Similar to the Long Smooth Hollow Crown in shape, excepting in length of root, which thickness is carried well down to the point; excellent quality. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.; lb., 50c.

**J. B. COLLINS, TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS, RAISED, FROM OUR SEED, PRIZE-TAKER ONIONS TO WEIGH FOUR POUNDS. SEE PRICES ABOVE.**

## ITALIAN VARIETIES

**MAMMOTH SILVER KING.** This mammoth variety is of attractive shape, with silvery white skin and flesh, of a most agreeable mild flavor. It matures a little later than our Extra Early Pearl, is of flatter shape, and frequently measures twenty inches in circumference and weighs three to three and a half pounds. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.75.

**RED BERMUDA.** These fine onions are grown largely in the Bermuda Islands and are the finest onions offered for sale in the spring in the New York and Philadelphia markets. They are a beautiful red-skinned onion; mild, pleasant flavor; good keepers. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c.; lb., \$1.70.

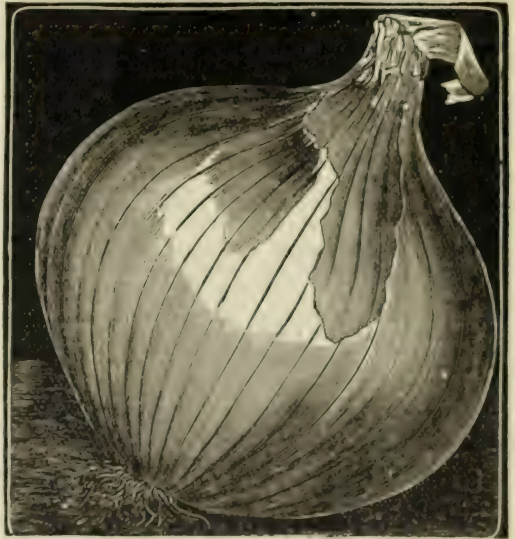
**EARLIEST WHITE QUEEN.** The bulbs are small, flat, pure white and of excellent flavor. Sown in February, they will produce onions one or two inches in diameter early in summer. Sown in July, they will be ready late in autumn. Excellent for pickling. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.75.

**RED VICTORIA.** The skin is deep blood-red, flesh white, and of sweet, mild flavor. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.90.

**WHITE VICTORIA.** Skin and flesh pure white, of sweet, mild flavor, and a very handsome, showy onion. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.; lb., \$2.00.

**GIANT RED ROCCA.** This magnificent variety originated in Italy. It is of beautiful globe shape; skin bright red, white flesh, mild, pleasant flavor and an excellent keeping onion. It will readily produce onions of two pounds weight the first year. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.40.

**GIANT WHITE ROCCA.** This splendid Italian variety is one of the most handsome in cultivation. Beautiful silvery skin, flesh pure white, flavor very mild and delicious. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.50.



From a photograph reduced  $\frac{1}{4}$  in size.

**MAMMOTH PRIZE TAKER.** No other onion has ever attained the enormous size and great weight of The Mammoth Prize Taker. Although the Silver King and some other Italian varieties grow to a large size, yet the Prize Taker will outstrip them all. The illustration was made from a photograph of a specimen grown from our seed by a customer in Texas the past summer. When it reached us, it weighed exactly four pounds and fourteen ounces. The Mammoth Prize Taker is a beautifully shaped onion, as can be seen by the above representation. The outer skin is a dark straw color; the flesh is snow-white, solid, sweet and delicious. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.; lb., \$1.90.

## PARSLEY

**Extra Curled Dwarf.** New variety from France, where it is the most popular of all. Leaves tender and extra curled, handsome bright green color, very ornamental and excellent for garnishing. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.

**Champion Moss Curled.** Leaves crimped and curled like a bed of moss; very handsome. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.

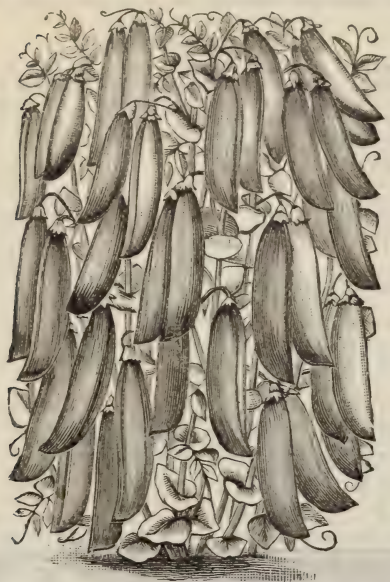
**Fern-Leaved.** A new variety of fine form and color. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.



# Wilson's Selected List of Garden Peas for 1897

When Peas are ordered at mail prices, and wished by freight, deduct 15c. per quart.

Our Seed Peas can be depended upon as being first-class in every respect. There is none better and few as good.



**Wilson's Improved Extra Early.** We claim our Extra Early Peas to be the best strain of this most excellent early variety. None ripens earlier or will produce more peas on a given space of ground. The whole crop can be gathered at two pickings, and will produce more peas to a basket of pods than any other extra early variety. They grow about two feet high, and are loaded with pods from the ground up (see illustration above). By mail, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.00; bush., \$3.50.

**Philadelphia Extra Early.** An excellent variety, combining earliness and productiveness; height, two and one-half feet. By mail, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 35c. By express, qt., 20c.; peck, 75c.; bush., \$2.90.

**\*AMERICAN WONDER.** This distinct and fine-flavored variety grows only eight to ten inches high, and is a few days earlier than any other wrinkled pea. Peas planted June 5th were ready for table in forty-three days. By mail, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 40c. By express, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.50; bush., \$5.50.

**\*MCLEAN'S LITTLE GEM.** Truly a gem. Unsurpassed, productive, wrinkled, and of a delicious flavor. Matures in fifty-four days; grows twelve to fourteen inches high; no sticks required. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.25; bush., \$4.50.

**\*EXTRA EARLY PREMIUM GEM.** A very fine dwarf pea, of the Little Gem type, on which it is an improvement; larger pods and more productive. Highly recommended. Taken all-in-all, this is the best and most profitable Early Wrinkled Pea for market gardeners, while for family gardens there is none better. Post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.25; bush., \$4.50.

**PROFUSION.** The vines are of vigorous growth, attaining the height of three feet. They are closely packed with fine, large pods that generally grow in pairs, and well filled with luscious peas that will measure one-half inch in diameter when green, and will average seven to nine peas to the pod. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, not prepaid, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.75.

**CARTER'S TELEPHONE.** Immensely productive, of the finest quality and excellent, sugary flavor; vines very strong; the pods are of large size, with six or seven large, delicious peas; height, four feet. Per pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 35c. By express, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.40.

**CARTER'S STRATAGEM.** A fine English variety; height, two feet; produces large, handsome pods, often over six inches in length, and containing from nine to ten very large, fine-flavored peas. Pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 40c. By express, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.75.

**PRIDE OF THE MARKET.** Another famous pea from England. It has become one of the most popular of market peas. It bears very large pods, filled with fine, large peas of superb quality. Height, one and one-half feet. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 20c.; qt., 40c. By express, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.50.

**LAXTON'S EVOLUTION.** The vines of this grand new pea grow about three and a half feet high. Very strong and sturdy in their growth; a decidedly branching character, and bear continuously an abundant crop of magnificent pods, each containing eight to twelve wrinkled peas, of remarkable size and very rich and sugary flavor. Post-paid, large pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 40c. By express or freight, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.50.

**THE QUANTITY.** This is one of the most productive varieties, and will produce more pods to the vine than any other kind. It grows two and a half feet high, has a remarkably branching character, six or seven branches starting at the ground from the same root, each loaded with well-filled pods of peas. It is medium early, and continues on bearing a long time. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 40c. By freight, not prepaid, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.60.

**THE QUALITY.** In manner of growth, height, and shape of the pods, this valuable pea much resembles the Quantity, described above. The Quality Pea is particularly noted for its exceedingly sweet, rich, delicious taste and fine flavor. All who have tasted them pronounce them the sweetest and best peas they ever ate. One week sooner than the Quantity. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 50c. By express or freight, qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.60.

**The Duke of Albany.** A new English pea of great value, very productive and excellent quality. Medium early, bearing long pods six inches long, filled with large peas fully one inch in circumference. Sugary, rich and melting. By mail, pkt., 5c.; pt., 20c.; qt., 40c. By freight, pt., 15c.; qt., 25c.; peck, \$1.50.

**Large White Marrowfat.** A favorite late variety; large, well-filled pods; good quality, productive. By mail, pkt., 5c.; pt., 15c.; qt., 30c. By freight, qt., 15c.; peck, 65c.; bush., \$2.10.

**Black-Eyed Marrowfat.** Similar to the White Marrowfat, excepting the eye. Price the same.

**OTHER GOOD STANDARD PEAS.** The following well-known and popular varieties of garden peas will be sent at the following prices: By mail, post-paid, large pkt., 5c.; pt., 18c.; qt., 37c. By express or freight, qt., 20c.; peck, \$1.20; bush., \$3.75.

**Tom Thumb, dwarf, 10 in.** Laxton's Earliest-of-All, wrinkled, sweet, 3 ft. **Bliss's Everbearing,** wrinkled, 2½ ft. **Bliss's Abundance,** wrinkled, 2½ ft. **Horsford Market Garden,** wrinkled, very productive, large-eyed. **Champion of England,** old favorite, wrinkled, sweet, good, 4 ft. **Dwarf Sugar, Tall Sugar.**

Peas marked with a \* are wrinkled varieties.

## PEPPERS

**WILSON'S MAMMOTH RUBY KING.** Our Improved Mammoth Ruby King Peppers, when ripe, are a beautiful ruby-red color, very thick-meat, and remarkably mild and pleasant. They are entirely free from any hot or fiery taste, and can be eaten sliced, like tomatoes or cucumbers. They are decidedly the finest and best peppers for mangoes ever introduced, and have never failed to give the best satisfaction. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 30c.; ¼ lb., \$1.00.

**GOLDEN KING.** Golden King was first found in 1886 in a crop of Ruby King. The beautiful, healthy plants bear large, handsome fruits, of a most attractive, bright golden-yellow, which shine out of the rich, dark-green foliage. The flavor is unsurpassed by any, exquisitely mild and pleasant. Read about Ruby King, change the color of Ruby King to bright golden-yellow, and you have the Golden King. Per pkt., 4c.; oz., 30c.; ½ lb., 85c.

**GOLDEN UPRIGHT.** This pepper is distinct from all others, bearing its fruit upright on stiff stems. The peppers are large, handsome, and free from any hot taste. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 30c.; ¼ lb., \$1.00.

**RED CLUSTER.** Small, thin peppers, a coral-red color. A single plant will bear hundreds of peppers, which are hot and pungent. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 35c.

**Coral Gem Bouquet.** Nothing can equal the beauty of a full-grown plant of these handsome peppers when ripe. The peppers are one inch in length, perfect in form, and of the most intense deep scarlet color. They have a sharp, hot taste, and are useful for seasoning, etc. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 30c.

**NEW CELESTIAL.** This variety is so beautiful that it deserves a prominent place in the flower garden. The plants are set with peppers very early, and continue bearing until frost. The peppers are carried upright, part of them yellow and part scarlet, making a very attractive appearance. Good quality and sharp flavor. Post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.; ¼ lb., 60c.

**Large Bull Nose.** This variety is much sought for by those who want large, hot peppers for mangoes. They grow to a good size; hot, pungent taste. Post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.; ¼ lb., 60c.

**SMALL PEPPERS FOR PICKLING, ETC.** Fancy Wrinkled, Red Etna, Red Cayenne, Red Chili, and Red Cherry. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 30c.

Persons wanting PEAS IN LARGE QUANTITIES will please write for prices.



## PUMPKINS

### JUMBO OF CALIFORNIA

At the great World's Fair, Chicago, in the Horticultural Building, was exhibited a Jumbo Pumpkin that weighed 481 pounds. At the California Exhibit in the Agricultural Building was exhibited another Jumbo Pumpkin that weighed 417 pounds. These monster pumpkins were weighed correctly by a committee appointed especially for the purpose, and sworn to as being correct. They were grown from our Jumbo Seed, and are unquestionably the largest pumpkins in the world. It is unnecessary for us to enlarge on this subject. Facts and figures are stronger than words. The pumpkins were there, and were viewed by thousands. Pkt., 6c.; oz., 15c.; ¼ lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.75.



**JAPANESE PIE PUMPKIN.** The above illustration is an exact likeness of this valuable pumpkin, introduced by us from Japan several years ago. They grow to a medium size, ripen early, and will keep until late in the spring. The flesh is a rich salmon color, remarkably dry, sweet, and fine-flavored. No other pumpkin that has ever been grown in this country can equal them in extraordinary fine cooking properties. The genuine seed can easily be distinguished from other seed by their peculiar marking. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 70c.

**NEW CALHOUN.** Medium size, handsome, solid, and excellent quality; skin dark cream color; fine-grained, thick-meated and extra fine flavor. As a pie pumpkin it has few superiors and will keep the year round. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 65c.

**TENNESSEE SWEET POTATO.** Of medium size, pear-shaped, color creamy-white, lightly striped with green; flesh thick, fine-grained, dry and of excellent flavor; a good keeper. Per pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 65c.

### OTHER GOOD PUMPKINS

Any of the following varieties will be sent by mail for 4c. per pkt., 8c. per oz.; 20c. ¼ lb.; 60c. per lb., excepting when noted. If wanted by freight, deduct 8c. per lb.

**BANANA.** Excellent for pies. Keeps all winter.

**NANTUCKET SUGAR.** Noted for its sweet, rich flavor.

**NEW GOLDEN MARROW.** One of the best.

**QUAKER PIE.** Good keeper, none better.

**CASHAW.** A favorite with all.

**CHEESE.** Well known and popular.

**CONNECTICUT FIELD.** Immensely productive. Valuable for feeding and planting among corn. Oz., 5c.; ¼ lb., 10c.; lb., 30c. By express, 5 lbs., \$1.00.

## RADISHES

**EXTRA EARLY SCARLET TURNIP.** A small, early turnip radish of quick growth and good quality. Per pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**EARLY WHITE TURNIP.** A round, turnip-rooted radish, with small top and of quick growth; both skin and flesh pure white, crisp and tender. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**EARLY ROUND DARK RED.** An improved strain of the Extra Early Scarlet, of deeper color and handsome appearance; very early, firm, crisp and of extra fine quality. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

**PHILADELPHIA WHITE BOX.** This is one of the finest radishes ever offered. Of beautiful form, pure white skin and flesh, which is very crisp and brittle; grows but a short top and is especially valuable for forcing under glass and also for sowing in the open ground at any season of the year. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**WILSON'S IMPROVED EARLY LONG SCARLET.** This is much superior to the common long scarlet, being of quicker growth, clear of rootlets, and entirely free from worms or scab. Very crisp, tender and sweet. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**EARLY FRENCH BREAKFAST.** Of quick growth, very tender and beautiful, oval shape, scarlet, tipped with white; a great favorite. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

### NEW CHARTIER.

This has kept its reputation as being one of the best of our early summer varieties. They are nearly as early as the Early Long Scarlet; more handsome, carry their thickness well down, as seen in illustration. A beautiful scarlet color, tipped with white, making them very attractive as a market variety. They are unusually crisp, tender, and juicy. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 18c.; lb., 60c.

**HALF-LONG STRASBURG.** A valuable white-skinned variety; tender, crisp; excellent quality. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 65c.

**LONG WHITE VIENNA.** One of the best long white radishes grown. It is of regular shape and good quality, both skin and flesh being white, crisp and brittle, and of quick growth. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 80c.

**WINTER VARIETIES.** California Mammoth, (white), White Chinese, Black Spanish, Long White Spanish. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 55c.

### OTHER WELL-KNOWN RADISHES.

Any of the following sent by mail for 4c. pkt.; 8c. oz.; 15c. ¼ lb.; 50c. lb. If wanted by express or freight, deduct 8c. per lb.

**Early Rosy Gem.** Earliest and best. **Half-Long Scarlet.** Excellent; early. **Caroline Olive-Shaped.** Medium early. **White Olive-Shaped.** Similar to above. **Yellow Ball.** Later variety, good, tender and sweet.

### RHUBARB, OR PIE PLANT

Leaf stalks used for pies, sauce, etc. Wholesome and delicious. **LARGE VICTORIA.** Finest and best of any. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.

## SQUASHES

**FORD HOOK EARLY.** This is a grand new variety. On our seed farms at Mechanicsville, Pa., the past summer, they maintained their exceptional record of being the earliest squashes to mature of any we have ever tried. It is medium sized, weighing from four to five pounds; outer skin cream color; flesh a light salmon; very thick-meated, fine-grained and extra fine-flavored. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 65c.

**FAXON.** This new variety of winter squash has, since its first introduction two years ago, given great satisfaction. The squashes are medium in size, fine shape, medium hard shell, and of such a remarkably fine, dry, firm, sweet flesh that they can be boiled and eaten like a sweet potato. It is very productive and will keep the year round. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 55c.

**NEW WHITE CHESTNUT.** This distinct new variety is, as its name indicates, of chestnut shape. The outside skin is creamy-white; flesh is lemon-yellow, fine-grained, sweet and most excellent in quality. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 70c.

**PIKE'S PEAK.** In shape this squash is round to oblong. The shell is pale green in color, very hard and flinty. The flesh is solid and thick, a brilliant orange color, dry, and of a rich, delicate flavor. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.; ¼ lb., 15c.; lb., 50c.

**DER WING** is a native of China. It is a very distinct variety, and differs from all other squashes in many important points. They grow about five inches long, three inches thick. The color of the flesh is a light yellow; thick and very sweet. Immensely productive in all sections of the country, and is one of our best winter-keeping squashes. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 70c.

**VALPARAISO (True).** The Valparaiso Squash is a native of South America. They grow to a large size, often weighing seventy-five pounds; bright golden color, very thick-meated, fine-grained and excellent for cooking or feeding. Its great peculiarity is its enormous productiveness. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.; ¼ lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

### OTHER GOOD SQUASHES.

Any of the following named squashes will be sent by mail for 4c. pkt.; 8c. oz.; 15c. ¼ lb.; 55c. lb. If ordered by express or freight, deduct 8c. per lb.

**Early Summer Yellow Crook Neck.** Giant Summer Crook Neck. Perfect Gem. Excellent for pies. **Cocozele** or **Summer Bush.** Coconut. One of the best. **Early White Bush**, or **Patty Pan.** **Early Yellow Bush.** Excellent. **Hubbard.** The standard winter squash. **Butman.** Similar to the Hubbard. **Improved Boston Marrow.** The best winter squash. **Prolific Orange Marrow.** Good keeper.



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FOR WILSON'S SWEET NUT SQUASH—THE BEST—SEE PAGE 4.



**SALSIFY (Oyster Plant).**

**MAMMOTH SANDWICH ISLAND.** This new Salsify grows fully double the size of the Long White, and is superior in quality. It is pure white in color and is invaluable to market gardeners. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c.; lb., \$1.40.

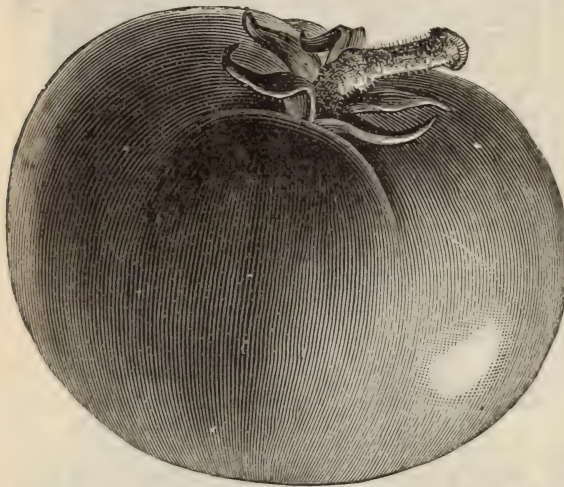
**Long White.** The old favorite variety. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c.; lb., 90c.

**SPINACH.**

**Long-Standing.** Best for spring sowing. Leaves fleshy and crumpled. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 40c.

**Round-Seeded Savoy.** Curled, thick, fleshy leaves; best for market purposes. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 35c.

**New Zealand.** Useful during the hottest months or in dry localities. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 25c.; lb., 90c.

**Wilson's Selected List of Home-Grown Tomato Seed for 1897.**

**FORD HOOK FIRST.** Ford Hook First (see cut) is the earliest large tomato; very uniform in shape, all growing to a good size, without any scrubs or uneven specimens. The outer skin is a deep, rich red, slightly tinted with purple. Flesh deep cherry-red, remarkably solid, with very few seeds. They are invariably smooth as an apple, and ripen up evenly all over without showing any signs of crack, blotch or decay. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$2.25.

**LIVINGSTON'S ROYAL RED.** Livingston's Royal Red is just the kind that truckers and all others should plant, who want to raise large, solid tomatoes. They grow to a size most suitable for market purposes, are as smooth as an apple, solid almost to the core; extra fine-flavored. Excellent for shipping. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.60.

**BOND'S EXTRA EARLY MINNESOTA.** The king of all the extra early tomatoes. The first to ripen out of ninety varieties. Large size, smooth form, productive. The above are some of the claims made for this remarkable extra early tomato. The tomatoes are all unusually large for an extra early variety. Skin is a bright, glossy red, clear to the base of the stem; flesh firm, solid and extremely fine-flavored. They never crack or spot, and are as near one size as if they had all been cast in one mould. Extremely productive. The tomatoes begin to set when the plants are scarcely ten inches high and continue to bloom and bear a long time. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.; lb., \$2.00.

**TRUCKER'S FAVORITE.** The Trucker's Favorite has been pronounced by the most successful market gardeners in New Jersey to be the best and most profitable tomato they have ever yet tried for canning and market purposes. Their shape and form, as can be seen by the above illustration, are perfect. They are invariably round, smooth and solid. The flesh is a deep, purplish-red and remarkably strong, making them one of the best shippers. The flesh is a deep cherry-red, very few seeds and remarkably fine-flavored. They ripen medium early, color up evenly all over and never crack or spot like some other popular sorts. Within the last twenty years, we have tried all kinds of tomatoes, and for general market purposes, we are decidedly in favor of the Trucker's Favorite. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.80.



**FOR EVERBEARING AND BECK'S FIRST PREMIUM TOMATO, SEE PAGE 4.**



## TURNIPS

**Purple-Top Strap-Leaved.** This is more largely grown than any other variety. The flesh is very fine grained and sweet flavored. It is early, forming good-sized bulbs in seven or eight weeks, and will do well to sow either broadcast or in drills. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 40c.

**White Flat Dutch Strap-Leaved.** Of medium size and quick growth, clear, white skin and juicy flesh, mild flavor and excellent quality; produces bulbs entirely free from small roots. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 40c.

**White Globe Strap-Leaved.** A fine variety of perfect globe-shape, about six inches in diameter, with smooth white skin; flesh pure white, firm and crisp, and of quick growth. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 40c.

**Jersey Navet.** For autumn sowing, solid and sweet. Pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.

**Early White Egg.** One of the best for table use; good for early growing or winter use. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 40c.

**Yellow Globe and Yellow Aberdeen.** Two excellent yellow-fleshed varieties, one globe-shaped, the other flat. Very rich, solid and sweet; almost equal to Ruta-Bagas for feeding. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 40c.

## TOBACCO SEED

**Persian Rose Muscatelle.** Noted for its strong, healthy growth, extra large leaves, very fine texture, a light brown color and mild flavor. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 60c.

**General Grant.** The earliest in cultivation. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 25c.

**Havana (Imported Seed).** By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 40c.

**Connecticut Seed Leaf.** By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 15c.

**Cuban Seed Leaf.** Best for cigars. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 20c.

**White Burley.** Very fine for light-colored wrappers. By mail, pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.



## LAWN GRASS SEED

**Wilson's Superior Lawn Grass Seed** has won a reputation second to none in the country. It embraces a mixture of the best natural grasses most suitable for lawns, many of which are imported from Europe. This mixture is adapted to either dry or wet climates and will insure a rich green velvety lawn through the dryest season. Sow three bushels to the acre. By express or freight, peck, 80c.; bushel, 20 lbs., \$3.25; 3 bushels, enough for one acre, \$9.00. By mail, post-paid, qt. boxes, 25c.; 5 boxes, \$1.00. One quart will sow 300 square feet.

**Grass for Permanent Pasture.** A permanent pasture field has now become a necessity on every well-kept farm. We have prepared a mixture for this purpose which is composed of eight of the best varieties of natural grasses which will afford a rich and luxurious pasture for many years if occasionally top dressed. The grasses are all valuable for fattening and milk-producing properties. Sow three to four bushels to the acre. By freight, bushel, \$2.40; 2 bushels or more, \$2.25 per bushel.

### OTHER GRASS SEED

**Herd or Red Top,** 10 lbs., to the bushel; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  bushels to the acre. By mail, 20c. per lb.; by freight, \$1.75 per bushel.

**Kentucky Blue Grass,** 14 lbs. to the bushel; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  bushels to the acre. By mail, 25c. per lb.; by freight, \$2.50 per bushel.

**Orchard Grass,** 14 lbs. to the bushel; 3 bushels to the acre. By mail, 25c. per lb.; by freight, \$2.25 per bushel.

**Sweet Vernal,** 10 lbs. to the bushel; 3 bushels to the acre. By mail, 25c. per qt.; by freight, 75c. per lb.

**Tall Meadow Grass, Wood Meadow Grass, Meadow Foxtail, English Rye Grass, Crested Dogtail, Meadow Fescue, Sheep Fescue, etc.** By mail, 30c. per lb.; by freight, \$2.25 per bushel.

## RUTA-BAGAS



**Improved Yellow Purple Top.** This magnificent strain we claim to be the best ruta-baga for general feeding purposes. For stock feeding it has no equal, being solid, rich, sweet and nutritious. It will yield one-third more to the acre than any we ever grew. The roots grow very uniform, large (see illustration opposite), smooth, free from small rootlets, and keep solid and sweet until late in the spring. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 45c.

**Large White.** Remarkable for its nutritious properties, hardness and long-keeping qualities. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 4c.; oz., 8c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 15c.; lb., 45c.

**Monarch.** A new and distinct variety, which is very popular in England. Produces large

oval-shaped roots, with short necks; flesh rich yellow and fine-grained. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 55c.

**Bread-Stone.** Medium size, very quick-growing; roots very smooth; flesh perfectly white, fine-grained, and cooks in fifteen minutes; remarkably tender, very sweet. By mail, pkt., 4c.; oz., 10c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

## CLOVERS AND MILLETS

**Crimson or Scarlet Clover.** This has now become one of the most popular grasses in America. An annual but highly valuable for hay or pasture or plowing under for green manure to renovate worn-out lands; can be sown in the fall or early spring. Sixty lbs. to the bushel. Sow ten lbs. to the acre. By mail, lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 85c. By freight, peck, \$1.25; bushel, \$4.00.

**Alsike or Hybrid Clover.** Highly esteemed for hay or bee pasture. Sow six lbs. to the acre. By mail, lb., 30c.; 4 lbs., \$1.00. By freight, lb., 20c.; peck, \$1.75; bushel, \$6.00.

**Bokhara Clover.** Affords excellent food for bees throughout the season. Five lbs. to the acre. By mail, lb., 35c. By freight, lb., 25c.

**Japan Clover.** Valuable for the South. By mail, lb., 45c.; 10 lbs. or more, 30c. per lb.

**White Dutch Clover.** Highly valuable for lawns and permanent pasture land; mixed with Kentucky Blue Grass, makes the best sheep pasture. By mail, lb., 35c. By freight, lb., 25c.

**Lucerne or Alfalfa Clover.** One of the most valuable grasses for dry and arid climates; three to four crops can be cut for hay in one season. Fifty-five lbs. to the bushel; sow eight to ten lbs. per acre. By mail, lb., 30c. By freight, lb., 20c.; bushel, \$6.00.

**Common Red and Pea Vine Clover,** market price.

**Hungarian Grass.** One bushel to the acre. By freight, bushel, \$1.50.

**German or Golden Millet.** Bushel, \$1.75.

**SACALINE—The Great Siberian Forage Plant**  
Although this has been a disappointment to many, yet in some sections where it has been properly cultivated it has been a wonderful success. It is a plant that is slow about coming to the front, partly owing to the poor germinating qualities of the seed in this country and also to spurious varieties that have been put on the market from the Japanese markets. We offer a limited supply of the genuine seed this spring at the following prices: By mail, pkt., 8c.; oz., 75c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., \$2.50. True Sacaline root, one year old, by mail, 15c.; 2 for 25c.; 6 for 60c. By express, not prepaid, dozen, \$1.00; hundred, \$7.00; 50 at 100 rates.

**HERB SEED** All 4c. pkts.; 10c. per oz. (except when otherwise noted). Anise, Sweet Basil, Bene, Borage, Caraway, Coriander, Dill, Sweet Fennel, Lavender, Sweet Marjoram, Rue, Sage, Summer Savory, Wormwood. The following are 5c. pkts.; 25c. per ounce: Balm, Pennyroyal, Tansey, Thyme.

### TREE AND FRUIT SEEDS

**Blackberry, Raspberry, Strawberry, Gooseberry,** each, pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c. **Apple, Pear, Quince, Apricot and Plum Pits,** each, pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c. **Ash, Red Cedar, Fir, Spruce, Honey Locust, Pine, Hemlock, Sugar and Norway Maple, Osage Orange, Russian Mulberry,** each, pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c. **Tennessee Peach Pits,** bush., \$2.50.

Wilson's Superior Lawn Grass Seed is surpassed by no other in this Country.



# WILSON'S SUPERIOR FIELD SEEDS

We make a specialty of growing field seeds, such as **Corn, Oats, Wheat, Potatoes, etc.** Having been engaged in this business for the last thirty years, we claim to have some knowledge in this line of our trade. Our seed corn, oats, and potatoes this year are unusually fine, and we can guarantee to give our customers the very best at reasonable prices.



Wilson's True Leaming Corn.

## DR. WOODHULL CORN

**Still leads the field. 108 bushels to the acre. Not guessed at but measured. Largest in yield, best in quality. First Premium at the World's Fair, 1893.**

The Dr. Woodhull Corn originated in New Jersey and after years of trial by many of the best farmers in that and other States has proven to be not only the heaviest cropper but the best for market and feeding purposes of any other variety in this country. At our exhibit of seed grain at the World's Fair, Chicago, 1893, we showed ears of Dr. Woodhull Corn that measured fifteen inches in length with a corresponding thickness and for which we received first premium in competition with more than 5,000 samples of Indian corn collected from every State in the Union. The Dr. Woodhull Corn grows to a good height; stalks firmly rooted in the ground. The large handsome ears will average twelve inches in length and are compactly filled with deep, solid, plump grains of a rich golden color that will weigh sixty pounds to the struck bushel. On good soil The Dr. Woodhull Corn will make more pounds of shelled corn to the acre than any other field corn ever grown in this country. This has been abundantly proven by the hundreds of letters and testimonials we have received from experimental colleges and large corn growers in various parts of the country. It ripens medium early and will mature before frost in any section of the United States excepting the extreme northern latitudes. We offer the genuine Dr. Woodhull corn this season at the following prices: By mail, post-paid, medium-sized ears, 20c.; large pkt., 8c.; 3 pkts., 20c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 80c. By express or freight, not prepaid, peck, 40c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel, 75c.; bushel, \$1.30; 2 bushels or more, \$1.25 per bushel, including bags.

## WILSON'S TRUE LEAMING CORN.

We claim to have at this time the genuine True Leaming Corn in all its purity and excellence, the same as we introduced twelve years ago, having in all that time never lost sight of the great value that this splendid and productive variety has been to the country. Very few people have ever been disappointed in planting the True Leaming Corn. Since our first introduction of this valuable corn we have received hundreds of letters giving it the highest praise and claiming yields all the way from fifty to over one hundred bushels of shelled corn to the acre. Wilson's True Leaming Corn grows to a medium height. The ears are from nine to ten inches in length, and remarkably well filled out at the ends. The grains are deep, a rich golden color and make the best and richest quality of corn-meal. It will ripen up solid and dry, and be ready to crib before any of the Dent varieties. It is pleasant to husk, having a very small, red cob, which is easily broken from the stalk. By mail, post-paid, large pkt., 8c.; 2 pkts., 15c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 80c.; medium-sized ear, 20c. By freight, not prepaid, peck, 40c.; bushel, \$1.30; 2 bushels, \$2.50; 4 bushels or more, \$1.20 per bushel.

## WILSON'S EARLY WHITE PROLIFIC.

Another year's trial, and the hundreds of testimonials received from all parts of the country have more than ever convinced us that this is not only the earliest and best, but also the most productive white field corn in cultivation. Wilson's Early White Prolific Corn ripens early, grows to a medium height; the ears are set well down, very often two on one stalk. They will average twelve inches in length and well filled out at the ends. The grains are snow-white, good length, plump, and make the finest corn-meal. For those who want to plant a white corn, we would recommend Wilson's Early White Prolific above all others. By mail, post-paid, large pkt., 8c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 80c. By express or freight, 4 qts., 25c.; peck, 40c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel, 70c.; bushel, \$1.30; 2 bushels or more, \$1.20 per bushel, including bags.

## WILSON'S EARLY GOLDEN PROLIFIC.

The grains are a deep, rich golden color, giving the corn a very handsome appearance. The cob is remarkably small; from nine to eleven inches in length; deep broad, plump grains that weigh sixty pounds to the bushel when dry. But the most valuable feature is its earliness in ripening; planted as late as July 1st, it has been known to make a good crop. Planted in May, the corn will be ripe and dry enough to crib by August 10th, maturing a crop in less than ninety days. The stalks are noted for their leafy nature, and make fodder equal to the best hay. By mail, post-paid, lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 75c.; medium ear, 20c. By freight, not prepaid, peck, 40c.; bushel, \$1.30; two bushels, one bag, \$2.50; 4 bushels or more, \$1.20 per bushel, including sacks for shipping.

Please bear in mind that we make no charge for new bags for shipping, and guarantee safe delivery.

## WILSON'S THOUSAND FOLD ENSILAGE CORN.

This remarkable corn will ripen and mature a crop anywhere south of 30° north latitude. For a southern corn it has no equal. Every stalk will produce from four to seven full-sized ears, seven to eight inches long. Its bread-making properties are superior to any other white corn. As an ensilage corn, either in the North or South, there is nothing to compare with it. The stalks grow ten feet high, are very succulent, thickly set with long blades and studded with small ears that spring from every leaf joint. By mail, large pkt., 8c.; 3 pkts., 20c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., \$1.00. By express or freight, peck, 50c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel, 80c.; bushel, \$1.50; two bushels or more, \$1.40 per bushel.

**FOR A MAIN CROP, PLANT DR. WOODHULL CORN—108 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE.**





## WILSON'S PROLIFIC SIDE OATS

**WILSON'S PROLIFIC SIDE OATS** grow to a medium height, with a remarkably strong, stiff straw, which enables it to stand up under almost any circumstance. The heads, as can be seen by the accompanying illustration, are unusually long and heavily loaded with fine, plump grains, weighing thirty-seven pounds per bushel. The grain is noted for its remarkably thin husk and fat kernel, which makes it valuable for feeding. At the World's Fair, in 1893, we exhibited heads of **Wilson's Prolific Side Oats** that measured twenty-two inches in length, and contained four hundred and sixty plump grains. For those wanting a good, hardy and productive side oats, we would recommend Wilson's Prolific before any other. By mail, post-paid, large pkt., 8c.; 3 pkts., 20c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 75c. By freight, not prepaid, peck, 40c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel, 70c.; bushel, \$1.20; 2 bushels or more, \$1.00 per bushel, including best new sacks.

## NEW AUSTRALIAN SQUARE-HEADED OATS

**THE AUSTRALIAN SQUARE-HEADED OATS** originally came from Australia, and the first ever seen in this country was on exhibition at the World's Fair, Chicago, 1893, in the New South Wales exhibit. Stalks were here shown measuring seven feet in height, and single heads of oats over two feet long. The heads, straw and manner of growth of this wonderful oats differ from all other kinds. On ordinary soil it will grow from four to five feet high and yield from seventy-five to eighty bushels to the acre. It is a splendid oats for feeding. Stiff straw, ripens medium early. By mail, large pkt., 8c.; 3 pkts., 20c.; lb., 30c.; 4 lbs., \$1.00. By freight, not prepaid, peck, 40c.; bushel, \$1.30; 2 bushels or more, \$1.25 per bushel.

## MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY OATS

**THE MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY OATS** is a beautiful round-headed variety, growing four to five feet high on good soil. It is one of the earliest to ripen. Stands up well and never fails to make a good crop, yielding from sixty to eighty bushels to the acre under favorable circumstances. The grains are solid and plump with a very thin husk. Mr. John Hepburn, Marion County, Ohio, raised over ninety bushels from one and one-half bushel of seed. By mail, post-paid, large pkt., 8c.; 3 pkts., 20c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 75c. By freight, not prepaid, peck, 35c.; bushel, \$1.00; 2 bushels or more, 90c. per bushel.

## MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS

**JAPANESE BUCKWHEAT.** Similar in growth to other varieties; grains nearly twice as large. Quick growth, excellent for flour, yields enormously, yielding from sixty to seventy bushels to the acre; ripens early. By mail, large pkt., 8c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 75c. By freight, peck, 30c.; bushel, 90c.; 2 bushels, \$1.75; 4 bushels, \$3.20.

**KAFFIR CORN.** A valuable forage plant; grain highly esteemed for feeding chickens and birds. By mail, post-paid, pkt., 5c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 70c.

**DHOORA CORN.** (White and brown). Similar to Kaffir Corn, larger heads. Excellent for cakes or feeding poultry. By mail, pkt., 5c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 75c.

**TEOSINIE.** A gigantic grass from South America; grows twelve feet high; an excellent green forage plant. One seed will produce enough to last a pair of cattle a whole day; blades like corn. By mail, pkt., 8c.; oz., 15c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 50c.; lb., \$1.00.

**WILSON'S EVERGREEN BROOM CORN.** Best for making brooms; ripens early; very productive; fine brush, never gets red. By mail, pkt., 8c.; 3 pkts., 20c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 75c. By freight, peck, 60c.; bushel, \$1.90.

**DWARF BROOM CORN.** Three to four feet; very fine brush, used for making brooms and whisks. By mail, large pkt., 8c.; 3 pkts., 20c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 80c. By freight, peck, 60c.; bushel, \$2.25.

**EARLY AMBER SUGAR CANE.** Matures early; rich in sugar; good fodder plant in dry countries. By mail, pkt., 8c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 75c. By freight, peck, 50c.; bushel, \$1.75.

**EARLY ORANGE SUGAR CANE.** A later variety, heavier growth, highly valuable for making sugar or syrup. Price same as Early Amber.

**SPRING RYE.** Equal to winter rye both in grain and straw if sowed early in spring. By mail, large pkt., 8c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 75c. By freight, peck, 30c.; bushel, \$1.10.

**SPRING WHEAT** (Saskatchewan Fife). The best for spring sowing; produces well if sown early. By mail, pkt., 8c.; lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 80c. By freight, peck, 40c.; bushel, \$1.75.

**MAMMOTH RUSSIAN SUNFLOWER.** Most productive variety; heads often measures twelve to fifteen inches across, yielding forty to sixty bushels per acre. Seed highly valuable for horses or poultry. Stalks good for fuel; needs rich soil but little cultivation. By mail, pkt., 5c.; pt., 15c.; qt., 25c. By freight, qt., 20c.; peck, \$1.00.

**GARLIC BULBS.** By mail,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 10c.; lb., 35c.

**FOR NEW BEARDLESS AND OTHER BARLEY, SEE CIRCULAR INSIDE.**



# WILSON'S CHOICE SEED POTATOES

For Earliness, Productiveness and Fine Table Qualities, THE STRAY BEAUTY Still Leads the Field.

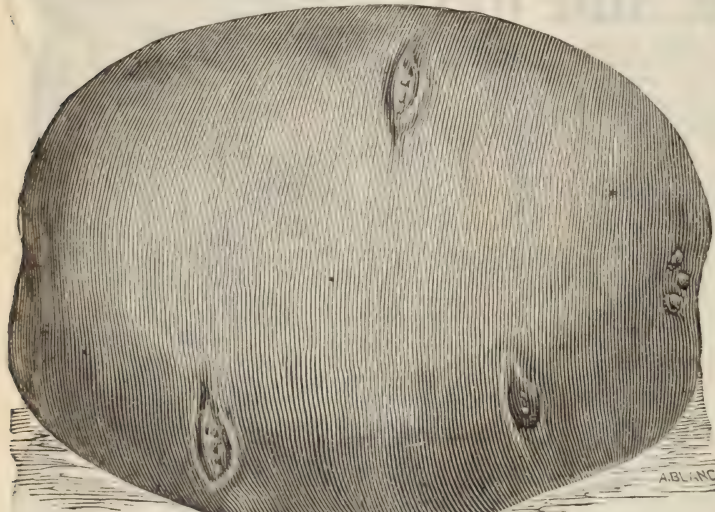
**WILSON'S STRAY BEAUTY POTATO** needs no further praise. It has now been before the people for twelve years and is to-day acknowledged by all to be **the earliest potato in the world.** All who have ever tried it will say this. For an extra early potato for table use or market their equal has never yet been found. Without further comment on this valuable early potato, we will only say that we can offer them this season lower than ever before. By mail, post-paid, 1 lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 80c. By freight or express, not prepaid, peck, 40c.; bushel, \$1.25; bbl., \$3.50.

**WILSON'S WHITE STRAY BEAUTY.** This is a sport from our old favorite **Red Stray Beauty**, possessing all the desirable qualities, both in extreme earliness, productiveness, and good quality of the former and has the desired advantage of having a pure white skin: otherwise it is exactly the same, both in shape, size and other desirable qualities. Price the same as above.

**BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY.** An excellent early variety possessing great merits as to quality and productiveness. Ripens ten days earlier than the **Early Rose**, and twice as productive. Fine form; smooth skin; shallow eyes and superior quality. By mail, lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 75c. Freight, not prepaid, peck, 40c.; bushel, \$1.25; barrel, \$3.25; 2 barrels, \$6.00.

**THE FREEMAN.** Smooth, oblong, white-skinned; extra fine quality; great productiveness. One hundred bushels raised from one bushel of seed. Price same as **Burpee's Extra Early**.

**THE WATSON SEEDLING.** By mail, lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 75c. By freight, peck, 40c.; bushel, \$1.00; barrel, \$3.00.

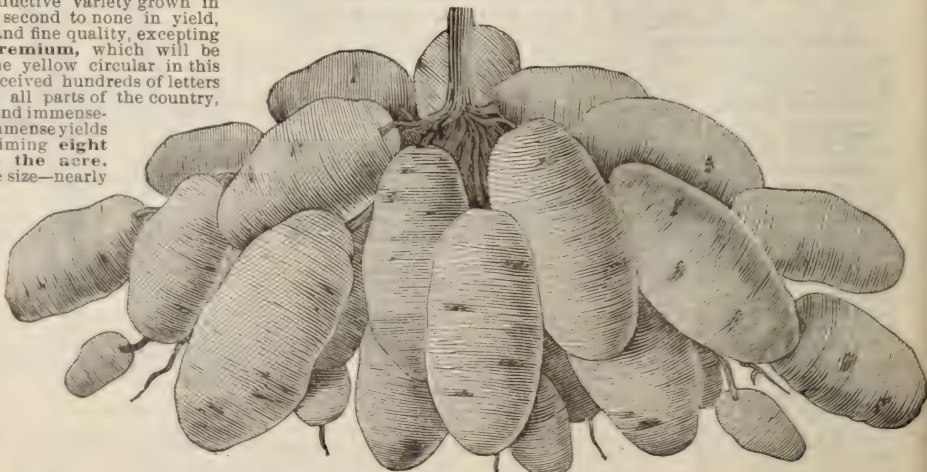


The Old Quarry.

the best and most productive variety grown in America, and to-day is second to none in yield, handsome appearance and fine quality, excepting **the World's Fair Premium**, which will be found illustrated on the yellow circular in this catalogue. We have received hundreds of letters from our customers in all parts of the country, praising this excellent and immensely productive potato. Immense yields are reported, some claiming **eight hundred bushels to the acre.** Potatoes grow to a large size—nearly all suitable for market; of the best possible flavor, ripen medium early and keep late in the spring. By mail, lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 80c. By freight, peck, 40c.; bush., \$1.20; bbl., \$3.50.

## POTATO EYES

**BY MAIL.** We will send by mail, post-paid, good strong eyes of any above-named potatoes for following prices: 25 eyes for 25c.; 50 for 45c.; 100 for 80c.; 200 for \$1.50; 400 for \$2.50 and warrant them to reach you in good condition.



One Hill of Wilson's First Choice Potatoes.

**THE OLD QUARRY.** A grand new variety in this country, imported by us from the north of Ireland, where it was found growing on a farm called the **Old Quarry.** It is said the original seed came from America more than 100 years ago and was grown on the **Old Quarry** farm exclusive of all other kinds. The **Old Quarry** potato is not valued so much for its great yield but for its superior quality as a table potato. The tubers are of fair size, outer skin a dull russet white; flesh rich cream-color, dry and of the **most exquisite flavor**, resembling boiled chestnuts. Our stock is quite limited. By mail, lb., 30c.; 4 lbs., \$1.00. By freight, peck, 50c.; bushel, \$1.40; barrel, \$4.00.

**CARMAN NO. 1.** An excellent potato of fine appearance and great productiveness. Superior quality and highly praised by all who have given it a trial. Price same as **Old Quarry**.

**MAGGIE MURPHY.** Excellent quality, highly productive and handsome appearance. Nearly all large potatoes. By mail, lb., 25c.; 4 lbs., 75c. By freight, peck, 40c.; bushel, \$1.25; barrel, \$3.00; 2 barrels, \$5.50.

**IRISH DAISY.** Immensely productive; fine form; smooth skin; shallow eyes. Flesh snow-white, dry and mealy when cooked; a good keeper. Price same as **Maggie Murphy**.

**WILSON'S FIRST CHOICE POTATO** is a selection from over fifty varieties tested on our farms at Mechanicsville, Pa., and at the time of introduction was unquestionably

For Adirondac (World's Fair Premium) and Great Divide Potatoes, see Inside Circular.



# General List of Choice Flower Seed for 1897

Comprising Annuals, Biennials, Perennials, and Green-House Plants.

The following list has been carefully revised and all inferior varieties discarded. To save our customers the trouble of writing hard names and to enable us to fill the orders correctly, we have attached a number to each variety; therefore, please order by the number attached to the varieties you want.

Our packets are all regular size, and our prices very low for seeds warranted fresh and true to name.

## PREMIUMS ON FLOWER SEEDS

Although our prices will be found very reasonable for the seeds we have to offer, yet, in order to introduce them as widely as possible, and to make inducements to our customers to form clubs, we offer the following premiums:

For 50c. we will send flower seeds in pkts. amounting to 65c. For \$1.00 we will send pkts. amounting to \$1.35. For \$2.00 we will send pkts. amounting to \$3.00. For \$3.00 we will send pkts. amounting to \$5.00. For \$4.00 we will send pkts. amounting to \$7.00. For \$5.00 we will send pkts. amounting to \$10.00.

1. **Abronia** (Mixed). Beautiful trailing plants, bearing sweet-scented, verbenia-like flowers.....4

2. **Abutilon** (Royal Prize, Mixed). Handsome shrubby plants, of easy culture, with beautiful bell-shaped flowers, richly veined.....3

3. **Adonis Aestivalis** (Pheasant's Eye). Showy, hardy, annual plants, fine-cut foliage, and dark crimson flowers, lasting a long time.....4

4. **Achillea** (Ptarmica Plena). Very free flowering, of branching habit; useful for cut flowers and cemeteries; pure white.....5

5. **Aconitum** (Napellus). Attractive blue and white flowers.....4

6. **Ageratum** (Choice Mixed). Neat, effective plants for bedding, blooming freely winter and summer.....4

7. **Ageratum** (Little Dorrit). Splendid blue, excellent for bedding and pot flowers.....4

8. **Ageratum** (Cope's Pet). Lovely azure blue.....4

9. **Ageratum** (White Gem). A novelty; charming, dwarf and compact, covered with white flowers.....4

10. **Agapanthus** (Lily of the Palace). Blue flowers.....4

11. **Alonsoa** (Mask Flower). Free-flowering bedding plants, with handsome flowers.....1

12. **Alyssum** (Sweet). This is one of the finest edging plants; the globular bushes are covered with sweet-scented white flowers; mixed.....4

13. **Alyssum** (Little Gem). Dwarf, compact habit. It begins to bloom when quite young, and continues till late in the fall.....4

14. **Alyssum** (Saxatile). Showy, yellow flowers.....4

15. **Amaranthus Caudatus** (Love Lies Bleeding). Drooping blood-red flowers.....4

16. **Amaranthus Splendens** (Rainbow Plant). Bronzy-colored, with scarlet band through the centre.....4

17. **Amaranthus** (Marguerite). Graceful, purple flowers.....4

18. **Amaranthus Gibbosus**. Very showy; long, drooping, purplish-red panicles.....4

19. **Anemone** (Wind-Flowers). Early spring flowers.....4

20. **Antirrhinum Picturatum** (Snap Dragon). One of the most useful border plants; large, fine-shaped flowers, of brilliant colors; hardy perennial.....4

21. **Antirrhinum** (Toin Thumb). Dwarf varieties.....4

22. **Aquilegia** (Columbine). A favorite, free-blooming plant, producing curiously-shaped flowers; hardy perennial.....4

23. **Aquilegia** (Skinneri). Free-bloomer, producing scarlet and yellow flowers.....4

24. **Ampelopsis Velutina** (Japanese Ivy). A perennial woodbine, with olive-green leaves.....4

25. **Aristolochia Sipho** (Dutchman's Pipe). A rapid-growing climber, flowers resembling a pipe.....4

26. **Arundo Donax** (New Zealand Grass). A perennial.....4

27. **Asparagus Verticillatus**. Very effective.....4

28. **Asperula Odorata** (Woodruff). A charming perennial, producing clusters of sweet-scented flowers.....4

29. **Azalea Indica** (Mixed). Various colored flowers.....4

30. **Asters** (Choice Mixed). A beautiful and very popular favorite; excellent for display for the fall months; the best varieties, mixed.....4

31. **Asters** (Peony-flowered) (Truffaut's Perfection). Very popular; white, blue, and dark crimson, mixed.....4

32. **Asters** (New Comet). Beautiful and distinct; pink, blue, and white, mixed.....4

33. **Asters** (Chrysanthemum-flowered). Dwarf, double and large flowering; scarlet and white.....4

34. **Asters** (Dwarf Peony Perfection). Very neat and compact.....4

35. **Asters** (German Quilled). Perfectly double-quilled-shaped flowers; fine for bouquets.....4

36. **Asters** (New Diamond). Double; rich colors, mixed.....4

37. **Asters** (Improved Victoria). A magnificent strain; flowers large, beautifully imbricated and perfect.....4

38. **Asters** (White Branching). A new variety of branching character; pure white flowers, four inches in diameter, borne on long stems.....10

39. **Asters** (Pink Jewel). One of the handsomest asters grown. Large flowers of a deep pink color, in-curved petals.....8

40. **Asters** (White Victoria). Flower three to four inches across; very useful for cut flowers.....8

41. **Aster** (A New Yellow Variety). Perfect double flowers, borne upon long, erect stems; excellent for cutting.....8

42. **Balloon Vine** (Love-in-a-Puff). A rapid-growing plant, with pretty foliage and white flowers.....4

## BALSAMS.

43. **Balsams** (Superb double, mixed). Very large and perfect; white, scarlet, pink, and camellia-flowered.....4

44. **Balsams** (King of Balsams). Very large and double; brilliant scarlet flowers in great profusion.....4

45. **Balsam** (Pure White). Produces large flowers of a pure paper-white color; very fine.....10

46. **Balsam** (Splendens). Brilliant crimson scarlet flowers; very effective and glowing.....4

47. **Begonia** (Tuberous-rooted, single, mixed). Valuable for summer decoration or window-gardening; great variety of shades; white, orange, pink, etc.....10

48. **Begonia** (Tuberous-rooted, double, mixed). A choice selection of the finest double varieties.....10

49. **Begonia** (Vernon). Red foliage; bright orange-carmine flowers; very effective.....10

50. **Bellis** (Double Daisy). One of the most charming and delightful of small plants; easily raised from seed; thriving in a cool place; half-hardy perennial.....4

51. **Bellis** (Longfellow). This variety produces dark rose-colored flowers on long stems; very large and double.....10

52. **Briza** (Rattlesnake Grass). A beautiful variety; in great demand for ornamental work.....4

53. **Cacalia** (Tassel Flower). Small tassel-like blooms; bright scarlet and yellow; useful for cutting.....4

54. **Cactus** (Mixed). Twenty varieties.....10

55. **Calceolaria Hybrida** (Splendid Mixed). One of the most beautiful of our house plants; ornamental self-colored flowers in profusion.....10

56. **Campanula** (Cup and Saucer). A beautiful class of the Campanula; two feet high, covered with flowers resembling a cup and saucer; white, rose and blue.....4

## CALIFORNIA WILD FLOWERS.

57. **Mixed**. A choice selection of over one hundred different annuals, biennials and perennials, found growing wild in the State of Flowers. Carefully gathered and mixed.....8

58. **Calendula** (Royal Marigold). Showy, free-flowering annuals; effective for beds or mixed borders.....4

59. **Calendula** (Prince of Orange). Attractive, large, double, yellow flowers, striped with orange.....4

60. **Calendula Oriole** (Pure Gold). Large, double, bright, pure golden yellow flowers.....4

61. **Calliopsis** (Choice Mixed). Very handsome, with brilliant flowers.....4

62. **Calliopsis Drummondii** (Golden Wave). Bushy, compact plants, with bright, golden flowers, distinctly marked.....4

63. **Calliopsis Coronata**. Large, bright, yellow flowers; rich wax-like foliage.....4

Calliopsis. Pkt., 4c.

FOR OTHER NEW VARIETIES OF FLOWER SEEDS, SEE NOVELTIES, PAGES 7 AND 8.



64. **Canary-Bird Flower.** A beautiful climbing plant; handsomely fringed, rich yellow flowers.....4



**Marguerite Carnation.** Pkt., 10c.

65. **Candytuft (Mixed).** Well-known early flowers; fine for beds; blooms freely; mixed colors.....4  
 66. **Candytuft (Empress, or Snow Queen).** A complete mass of pure white flowers.....4  
 67. **Candytuft (Dark Crimson).** Very fine.....4  
 68. **Candytuft (Tom Thumb).** Dwarf; pure white.....4  
 69. **Candytuft (White Rocket).** Extra fine large trusses of pure white flowers, highly prized by florists.....4  
 70. **Canna (Crozy's Large-flowering).** Comprising the most beautiful French varieties, all colors.....4  
 71. **Carnation (Finest German, mixed).** Favorite perennials; always charming; the hardest and best varieties; rich colors.....8  
 72. **Carnation (Marguerite).** Abundant bloomers; beautiful colors and delicious perfume (see cut).....8  
 73. **Carnation (Riviera Market).** A splendid perpetual strain; nearly all double flowers.....8  
 74. **Celosia Cristata (Glasgow Prize, or Tom Thumb).** Dwarf, very showy, with dark leaves and crimson combs.....4  
 75. **Celosia (Variegated).** The most brilliant hues.....4  
 76. **Celosia (Gold-feathered).** Bright golden-orange color.....4  
 77. **Celosia (Plumosa).** Bushy habit; circular in shape; crimson flowers.....4  
 78. **Celosia (New Japan).** Combs delicately cut and ruffled like fine lace.....4  
 79. **Centaurea (Blue Bottle or Corn Flower).** In bloom all summer; of easy culture; mixed.....4  
 80. **Centrosema Grandiflora (Look at Me).** A grand floral perennial; blooms early, producing pea-shaped flowers in great profusion; an excellent climber.....4  
 81. **Chrysanthemum (Eclipse).** Pure golden flowers, with scarlet ring and brown disc.....4  
 82. **Chrysanthemum (Golden Feather).** A velvety disc centre, surrounded by a bright golden circle.....4  
 83. **Chrysanthemum Coronarium (Double Mixed).** Large, double flowers, choice colors.....4  
 84. **Chrysanthemum (Japanese Hybrids).** A fine collection from carefully-crossed and rare specimens.....8  
 85. **Cineraria (Double mixed).** Large, double varieties; rich, beautiful colors.....10  
 86. **Cineraria (Hybrida Grandiflora).** Tall, mixed. Beautiful and brilliant colors.....10  
 87. **Cineraria (Hybrida Grandiflora).** Dwarf, mixed.....10  
 88. **Cineraria (Hybrida Grandiflora).** White Gem. A new pure white variety.....10  
 89. **Clematis (Virgin's Bower).** Rapid-growing perennial climbers, producing clusters of sweet flowers.....4  
 90. **Clematis (Hybrida Grandiflora).** Beautiful large mixed flowers.....4  
 91. **Cleome Pungens (Giant Spider Plant).** Rose-colored flowers, like spider's legs; very attractive.....4  
 92. **Cobaea Scandens (Mixed).** A rapid climber; bell-shaped flowers.....4  
 93. **Coix Lachryma (Job's Tears).** An ornamental grass.....4  
 94. **Coleus (Sunset).** New strain; superb large leaves; plants are vigorous growers, producing rich, variegated colors.....10  
 95. **Convolvulus Major (Morning Glory).** Free-flowering; rapid-growing plants; mixed.....4  
 96. **Convolvulus Minor (Dwarf Morning Glory).** Dwarf rich colored plants; brilliant effect.....4  
 97. **Cosmos Hybridus.** An autumn-blooming plant; very showy and graceful; large, single flowers.....4  
 98. **Cosmos (New Yellow).** A golden-yellow variety, beautiful appearance; abundance of bloom.....8  
 99. **Cuphea (Cigar Plant).** A free-flowering perennial, bearing tubular flowers of a fiery red.....4  
 100. **Cypress Vine (Mixed).** One of our most popular vines; delicate fern-like foliage; star-shaped flowers; oz. 20c.....4  
 101. **Cypress Vine (Scarlet Ivy-leaved).** Ivy-like leaves; small scarlet flowers; oz. 20c.....4

102. **Cypress Vine (Red).** Fifteen feet.....4  
 103. **Cypress Vine (White).** Pure white.....4  
 104. **Cyclamen Persicum (Mixed).** Tuberous-rooted perennials, blooming first year if sown early; large flowering, fine colors.....4  
 105. **Dahlias (Double Mixed).** Extra large flowers, beautifully striped and spotted.....4  
 106. **Dahlia (Gracilis, New Single).** Extra large flowers, bushy habit; showy, pretty flowers, in great abundance.....4  
 107. **Dahlia (Tom Thumb).** A new single variety; dwarf, large trumpet-shaped flowers; sweet-scented.....4  
 108. **Datura (Trumpet Flower).** Branching plants, bearing large trumpet-shaped flowers, growing one within the other; very striking in appearance.....4  
 109. **Datura Cornucopia (Horn of Plenty).** Three large trumpet-shaped flowers, growing one within the other; very striking in appearance.....4  
 110. **Delphinium (Perennial Larkspur).** Showy, useful plants; blooming first year, if sown early; rich flowers; mixed colors.....4  
 111. **Delphinium (Dwarf Rocket).** Very handsome bright scarlet flowers; mixed colors.....4  
 112. **Delphinium (Double Emperor).** Finest double; mixed; charming colors.....4  
 113. **Dianthus Chinensis (Double Chinese Pink).** One of the most popular flowers in cultivation; clusters of small double flowers; finest mixed colors.....4  
 114. **Dianthus Heddeiwiggii (Finest Single, mixed).** Very fine large flowers.....4  
 115. **Dianthus Heddeiwiggii, Fl. Pleno (Double Japan Pink).** Very regular; densely double; rich colors.....4  
 116. **Dianthus Laciniatus, Fl. Pl. (Double Fringed).** Large double flowers with fringed edges; mixed.....4  
 117. **Double Red Blotched.** Pure white.....4  
 118. **Pheasant's Eye.** Perennial varieties.....4  
 119. **Dwarf Fireball.** Brilliant flowers.....4  
 120. **Digitalis (Fox-Glove).** A stately perennial; thimble-shaped flowers; mixed.....4  
 121. **Dolichos (Hyacinth Bean).** A rapid-growing flowering plant, making a dense, attractive screen.....4  
 122. **Dolichos (New Yellow).** Very luxuriant, half-opened, pea-shaped blossoms.....4  
 123. **Eschscholtzia (California Poppy).** Very attractive when used in beds; fine-cut foliage.....4  
 124. **Euphorbia Variegated (Snow-on-the-Mountain).** Attractive foliage, margined with white; white tips.....4  
 125. **Euphorbia Heterophylla (Mexican Fire-Plant).** A bushy plant, resembling the hot-house Poinsettia.....4  
 126. **Eulalia Japonica.** Hardy perennial; long, narrow leaves, striped with white and green.....4  
 127. **Feverfew.** Handsome, free-flowering plants; perennials.....4  
 128. **Fuchsia (Lady's Ear-Drop).** A well-known plant; finest single and double varieties; mixed.....10  
 129. **Fuchsia (Procumbens).** A trailing variety; suitable for hanging-baskets and vases.....10  
 130. **Freesia, from Seed.** These fragrant-flowering plants may be grown to as great perfection in six months from seed as from bulbs.....10  
 131. **Gaillardia (Picta Lorenziana).** A double strain; beautiful mixed colors.....4  
 132. **Gaillardia (Aurora Borealis).** Flowery heads; gold, crimson and white.....4  
 133. **Gaillardia (Salmon-Red).** Large, single flowers, distinctly edged with bright orange.....4



**Dianthus, (Dwarf Double Pink).** Pkt., 4c.

134. **Geranium Zonale (Choice Mixed).** A most popular perennial; much used for bedding; best single varieties.....10  
 135. **Geranium (Finest Double Mixed).** Very choice and rare; finest double flowers.....15  
 136. **Geranium (Apple-Scented).** A most fragrant variety from seed.....15

**ALL OUR FLOWER SEEDS HAVE BEEN TESTED AND ARE WARRANTED TO GROW.**



137. *Gloxinia* (Hybrida Mixed). Large flowers of the richest colors.....4  
 138. *Godetia* (Lady Satin Rose). Brilliant, rose-pink flowers, surface shining like satin; mixed colors.....4



*Helichrysum*, Fine Mixed. Pkt., 4c.

139. *Gomphrena Nana Compacta* (Bachelor's Button). Very compact habit; bright, double, red flowers.....4  
 140. *Gourd* (Ornamental). Rapid-growing, interesting, ornamental foliage plants, with singular-shaped fruits; fine mixed varieties.....4  
 141. *Gypsophila* (Elegans, Mixed). Pretty, free-flowering plants; fine for rock-work.....4  
 142. *Gypsophila Paniculata*. White flowers; fine for bouquets.....4  
 143. *Helianthus* (Sunflower). Noted for their stately growth, brilliant flowers and fine effect; choice varieties, mixed.....4  
 144. *Helianthus* (Dahlia Sunflower). Dwarf, with double, golden flowers.....4  
 145. *Helianthus Cucumerifolius* (Miniature Sunflower). Neat plants; bright orange-colored flowers.....4  
 146. *Helianthus* (Nanus Compact). A new dwarf variety; handsome double flowers, resembling an aster.....4  
 147. *Helianthus* (Globulosus Fistulosus). Large, double flowers; bright saffron, attractive appearance.....4  
 148. *Helianthus* (Monstrosus Superbi). A large, double variety; globular in shape; covered with curious golden petals.....4  
 149. *Helianthus* (Dwarf Golden Globe). A beautiful miniature variety, growing only three feet high.....4  
 150. *Helichrysum* (Fine Mixed). Very effective, double flowers (see cut), making a fine display.....4  
 151. *Helichrysum* (Fireball). Rich crimson flowers.....4  
 152. *Helichrysum* (Snowball). Large, double, pure white.....4  
 153. *Helichrysum* (Monstrosum). Bright colors, mixed.....4  
 154. *Heliotrope* (Choice Mixed). A perennial, flowering during the whole season; delightful perfume.....4  
 155. *Heliotrope* (The Black King). A new variety; rich, fragrant flowers, nearly black.....4  
 156. *Heliotrope* (Lady in White). A most lovely variety; large clusters of fragrant, white flowers.....4  
 157. *Hibiscus* (New Imperial). A new variety; large, saucer-shaped flowers, with black centre.....4  
 158. *Hibiscus* (New Crimson Eye).....4  
 159. *Hibiscus* (Sunset). A new perpetual bloomer; very attractive foliage.....4  
 160. *Hollyhock* (Carter's Superb Double). Beautiful; long spikes; large, double flowers; bright colors.....4  
 161. *Hollyhock* (Improved Double White). Extra strain, double, pure white flowers.....4  
 162. *Hollyhock* (Improved Double Yellow). Comprising the buff, straw color and orange shades; very fine.....4  
 163. *Impatiens Sultana*. Neat, perpetual bloomer; bright, brilliant flowers.....8  
 164. *Ipomoea Grandiflora* (Moon Flower). Large, pure white, fragrant flowers; rapid growth.....4  
 165. *Ipomoea Bona Nox* (Evening Glory). Large, beautiful, fragrant, violet flowers.....4  
 166. *Ipomoea Huberi* (Japanese Morning Glory). A rapid grower; deep green foliage, blotched with silvery-white; velvety-crimson flowers, edged with white.....4  
 167. *Ipomoea Sitosu* (Brazilian Morning Glory). Flowers a beautiful rose and borne in large clusters.....4  
 168. *Ipomoea Gracilis*. A rapid-growing climber, producing brilliant scarlet flowers.....4  
 169. *Iris* (Fleur-de-Lis). A tuberous-rooted perennial; rich, variegated flowers.....4  
 170. *Lantana* (Mixed). A desirable perennial; constantly in bloom; verberna heads, changing in hue.....4  
 171. *Lathyrus Latifolius* (Everlasting Peas, Mixed). Showy, free-flowering plants; hardy perennials.....4  
 172. *Lavie Elegans*. Extra fine for cut flowers; very attractive; bright yellow, with white tips.....4  
 173. *Linaria* (Kenilworth Ivy). Perennials; attractive; handsome purple flowers; snap-dragon in shape.....4  
 174. *Linum* (Scarlet Flax). Showy and effective.....4  
 175. *Lobelia* (Compacta Varieties, Mixed). Dwarf plants, forming masses of handsome flowers; choice colors.....4  
 176. *Lobelia* (Crystal Palace). Rich, deep blue.....4  
 177. *Lobelia* (White Gem). Perfect ball of white flowers.....4

178. *Lobelia* (Erinus Varieties, Mixed). Suitable for hanging-baskets.....4  
 179. *Lobelia* (Star of Ischl). Dark blue flowers.....4  
 180. *Lobelia Cardinalia* (Cardinal Flower). A hardy perennial; often blooms first season.....8



*Hibiscus*, Sunset. Pkt., 4c.

181. *Marigold* (El Dorado). Large, brilliant flowers; imbricated, double and beautifully quilled; colors in all shades of yellow.....4  
 182. *Marigold Queen*. Dwarf, compact plants, producing profusion globular, light lemon-colored flowers.....4  
 183. *Gold-Striped*. Maroon, striped with gold.....4  
 184. *Brown Marble*. Perfectly double, reddish-brown flowers, marked with orange.....4  
 185. Dwarf and compact; double, orange-colored flowers, very handsome.....4  
 186. *Legion of Honor*. Dwarf and compact; golden-yellow blooms; each petal marked with crimson-brown.....4  
 187. *Marvel-of-Peru* (Four O'Clock). A handsome, free-flowering perennial; large flowers; mixed colors.....4  
 188. *Marvel-of-Peru* (Variegated). Gold-striped foliage; brilliant flowers; very ornamental.....4  
 189. *Marvel-of-Peru* (Tom Thumb, Mixed). Handsome, bushy plants; brilliant flowers, striped and blotched.....4  
 190. *Marvel-of-Peru* (Longiflora). Tubular white flowers.....4  
 191. *Mesembryanthemum Crystallinum* (Ice Plant). Dwarf trailing plants of great beauty; white flowers; icy foliage; fine for vases.....4  
 192. *Mesembryanthemum Tricolor* (Wax Plant). Various colors.....4



*Mignonette*, Mixed. Pkt., 4c.

193. *Mignonette* (Fine Mixed). A well-known fragrant plant; spikes of sweet flowers; very popular (see cut).....4  
 194. *Mignonette* (Giant Pyramidal). Large red flowers.....4  
 195. *Mignonette* (Golden Queen). Golden-yellow flowers.....4  
 196. *Mignonette* (Parson's White). Spikes pure white.....4  
 197. *Mignonette* (Hybrid Spiral). Dwarf habit; long spikes; very fragrant.....4  
 198. *Mignonette* (Dwarf Compact). A dwarf, robust variety, covered with spikes of reddish-tinted flowers.....4  
 199. *Mignonette* (Machet). Well adapted for pot-culture; dwarf; flowers of the best red.....4  
 200. *Mignonette* (Red Victoria). A distinct dwarf variety; large trusses of deep red flowers.....4  
 201. *Quaker City*. Dark green foliage; rich, golden-red flowers.....4  
 202. *Erfurt*. Double flowers; very fine.....4  
 203. *Giant-Flowered*. A new variety; large spikes of red flowers.....4

DON'T FAIL TO READ PAGES 7 AND 8 FOR RARE FLOWER SEEDS AND PLANTS.



204. *Mimulus* (Monkey Flower). A showy perennial, blooming first year; fine, mixed, spotted varieties.....4  
 205. *Mimulus Moschatos* (Musk Plant). Fine for hanging-baskets; yellow flowers; fragrant foliage.....4  
 206. *Mina Lobata*. A Mexican climber; white flowers.....4  
 207. *Momordica* (Balsam Apple). Apple-shaped fruit.....4  
 208. *Momordica* (Balsam Pear). Pear-shaped fruit.....4  
 209. *Myosotis* (Forget-me-not). Star-like flowers; perennial, blooming first year.....4



Nasturtium—Cloth of Gold. Pkt., 4c.

210. *Nasturtium* (Mixed Varieties). Free-flowering plants; the best varieties.....4  
 211.—*Beauty*. Yellow and red.....4  
 212.—*Cloth of Gold*. Dwarf and compact; deep scarlet flowers, with yellow foliage, making a striking contrast and very beautiful.....4  
 213.—*Chameleon*. Changing in color daily.....4  
 214.—*Empress of India*. Dark, purplish-blue leaves; brilliant crimson-scarlet flowers; very suitable.....4  
 215.—*King of Tom Thumbs*. Neat compact growth; dark rich foliage; bright scarlet flowers; unsurpassed for garden decoration.....4  
 216. *Oxalis* (Choice Mixed). Small perennials, blooming in clusters; suitable for hanging-baskets, etc., all colors.....4  
 217. *Passiflora* (Passion Flower). A climbing plant, bearing attractive flowers of various colors.....8

#### PANSY. (See Novelty Page).

218. *Petunia Hybrida* (Fine Mixed). Embracing all colors, including striped and blotched varieties, all large flowering; excellent for bedding.....8  
 219. *Petunia* (Dwarf Inimitable). Small bushy plants, studded with beautiful striped flowers.....8  
 220. *Petunia* (Red Star). Handsome bushy plants, almost covered with bright flowers.....8  
 221. *Petunia* (Blue Veins, Fringed). Elegant flowers, deeply fringed; various shades and colors.....8  
 222. *Petunia* (Green-margined). Striking flowers.....8  
 223. *Petunia* (Black-throated). Superb black flowers.....8  
 224.—*Large-Flowering Defiance*. The largest-flowering variety; beautifully fringed and veined; deep and rich.....10  
 225.—*Daw's Favorite*. A new, half-dwarf, branching variety; free flowering; striped flowers; fine for bedding.....10  
 226. *Phlox Drummondii* (Fine Mixed). One of the finest and most beautiful of our dwarf flowering plants; all rich colors.....4  
 227.—*Alba*, Pure White. White flowers of unusual size.....4  
 228.—*Large Blood Red*. Dark flowers, deep blood-red.....4  
 229.—*Eclipse*. Bright rosy-purple and deep violet.....4  
 230.—*Splendens*. Bright red, with a white eye.....4  
 231.—*Starred and Fringed*. A striking variety; starred and fringed flowers; choice colors.....8  
 232.—*Large Yellow*. Six petaled, large yellow, circular flowers.....8  
 233. *Platycodon Grandiflorum* (Mixed). A perennial, producing very showy flowers, blue and white.....4  
 234. *Poppy* (Single Mixed). Very showy free-flowering plants; handsome flowers of the best colors.....4  
 235.—*New Shirley*. A new strain of great beauty; all shades and colors.....4  
 236.—*Danebrog*. Scarlet flowers, with large white spot on the petals.....4  
 237.—*Fire Dragon*. Very showy, with a margined white spot.....4  
 238.—*The Bride*. A new variety; pure white flowers.....4  
 239.—*Paony Flowered*. Large double flowers; mixed colors.....4  
 240.—*Fairy Blush*. Double; white, fringed with rose; very fine.....4  
 241.—*Snowdrift*. Round, double, pure white flowers.....4  
 242.—*Mikado*. A distinct variety; brilliant scarlet and white flowers.....4  
 243.—*The Golden Gate*. A charming flower, bright golden color; remaining a long time in bloom.....4  
 244.—*The Pride of Asia*. A splendid variety of great beauty, large double flowers of various colors.....4

- 245.—*New Tulip*. A magnificent flower, originally from Armenia. The plants grow twelve to fourteen inches high, producing perfect tulip cup-shaped flowers.....4  
 246. *Portulaca* (Single, Mixed). One of the finest of blooming plants; large flowers of brilliant colors.....4  
 247. *Portulaca* (Double Rose-Flowered). Flowers perfectly double; mixed and choice colors.....4  
 248. *Primula* (Fringed Chinese Primrose). A choice winter-blooming plant; fine fringed, large-flowering varieties; mixed.....10  
 249. *Primula* (Alba Magnifica). Pure white flowers, with a large, bright yellow eye.....10  
 250. *Primula* (Carter's Blue). New and beautiful.....10  
 251. *Primula* (Flora Pleno). Best double mixed varieties; all choice colors.....10  
 252. *Primula Obconica*. A lovely bloomer; pure white flowers; slightly tinged.....10  
 253. *Primula Veris* (English Cowslip). A hardy primrose; bright-colored flowers; very fragrant.....10  
 254. *Pyrethrum Aureum* (Golden Feather). Herbaceous plant of easy culture; bright yellow foliage.....4  
 255. *Pyrethrum Roseum* (Persian Insect Powder Plant). Bright rose flowers.....4  
 256. *Pyrethrum* (Hybridum). A perennial, with bright aster-shaped flowers.....4  
 257. *Ricinus* (Mixed Varieties). Ornamental plants, with brilliant-colored fruit.....4  
 258. *Ricinus* (Gibsonia). Dwarf; deep red foliage.....4  
 259. *Ricinus* (Cambogensis). New; large palm-like leaves; stalk and stem nearly black.....4

#### SWEET PEAS. (See Novelty Pages).

260. *Salvia* (Splendens, Scarlet Sage). Well-known, gorgeous flowers; the spikes, of rich scarlet, make a fine effect on the lawn; blooms the whole season.....4  
 261. *Scabiosa* (Mourning Bride). A handsome summer border plant; double flowers; all shades and colors, mixed.....4  
 262. *Scabiosa* (Gold-leaved). Double blood-purple flowers.....4  
 263. *Scabiosa* (Snowball). Double white flowers.....4  
 264. *Scabiosa* (New Double Black). Coal-black double flowers.....4  
 265. *Schizanthus* (Butterfly Flower). Splendid plants, rich in bloom; various-colored flowers.....4  
 266. *Sedum* (Stonecrop). A useful dwarf plant; fine for hanging-baskets; brilliant star-shaped flowers.....4  
 267. *Sensitive Plant* (Mimosa). Curious plants, with pinkish-white flowers; leaves close when touched.....4  
 268. *Silene* (Catch-Fly). A beautiful free-flowering plant.....4  
 269. *Smilax*. A tuberous-rooted perennial; a beautiful and most graceful climber; small white flowers.....4

#### STOCKS—Ten-Weeks.

270. *Large-Flowering Dwarf*. One of our most popular plants.....8  
 271. *Giant Perfection*. Very showy, tall flowers.....8  
 272. *White Perpetual*. Very fine, pure white and fragrant.....8  
 273. *Large-Flowering Dwarf*. Blood-red.....8  
 274. *Large-Flowering Dwarf*. Pure white.....8  
 275. *Sweet William*. Well-known hardy perennial, eighteen inches. Double mixed, all fine colors; seed saved from the choicest flowers.....4  
 276. *Sweet William* (Perfection). Single, mixed; a splendid strain; flowers of many bright colors.....4  
 277. *Verbena Hybrida* (Choice Mixed). Selected, new and five named varieties of rich colors.....4  
 278. *Verbena* (Mammoth Grandiflora, mixed). Large flowering, brilliant colors, with distinct eyes.....8  
 279. *Verbena* (Scarlet Defiance). Brightest scarlet; intensely rich.....4  
 280. *Verbena* (Italian Striped). Showy striped flowers.....4  
 281. *Verbena* (Pure White). Large flowers, pure white.....4  
 282. *Vinca* (Madagascar Periwinkle). Free-blooming plants, flowering from seed; circular flowers.....4  
 283. *Violet* (Viola Odorata). Well-known early spring-blooming plants; hardy perennials.....4  
 284. *Zinnia Elegans* (Choice Mixed). A general favorite; extra large double flowers; bright mixed colors.....4  
 285. *Zinnia* (Dwarf, Large-flowering). Dwarf compact, bushy plants, covered with dahlia-like flowers.....4  
 286. *Zinnia* (Pompon). Large cone-shaped flowers; mixed.....4  
 287. *Zinnia* (Curled and Crested). A new and odd variety.....4

#### SELECTED FLOWER SEEDS.

The following were omitted from our descriptive list, from lack of space: *Abobra* (Veridiflora). A very ornamental plant. *Acanthus* (Mixed). Ornamental; suitable for lawns. *Acacia* (Mixed). Yellow, globular flowers. *Bartonia* (Aurea). Large, golden-yellow flowers. *Brachycome* (Swan River Daisy). *Browallia*. Handsome blue and white flowers. *Canna* (Choice Mixed). *Centranthus* (Basket Flower). *Clarkia* (Mixed). *Dianthus* (Eastern Queen). Very striking. *Gypsophila* (Mixed). Fine plants. *Maurandia* (Mixed). Beautiful colors. *Pansy* (Extra Choice Mixed). *Phlox Drummondii* (Fine Mixed). A fine strain, large, bright flowers. *Solanum* (Little Gem). Very nice. *Sweet Peas*. All fine colors. *Silene* (Catchfly). Free flowering. *Salpiglossis* (Velvet Flower). Free-blooming plants. *Stocks* (Globe Pyramidal). Double flowers. *Wallflower*. Fragrant garden plants. *Whittavia*. (Mixed). Any of the above sent by mail, post-paid, at 4c. per pkt.; 8 pkts. for 25c.; or the entire 20 pkts. for 50c.

FOR A SELECTED LIST OF PANSIES AND SWEET PEAS, SEE PAGES 7 AND 8.



# WILSON'S SELECTED LIST OF CHOICE ROSES

ROSES are everybody's favorite. It has well been said they are the **Queen of Flowers**. Below we give a list of some of the choicest and best varieties that are now in cultivation. Our roses are all grown on their own roots and first-class in every respect. Those we send by mail are strong, healthy plants, well rooted and we warrant them to reach you in good condition for growing. **For the Golden Rambler, Silver and Crimson Rambler, see front cover page.**



Perle des Jardins.

**Bridesmaid.** A delightful new tea rose, a sport from the old and popular pink tea, Catherine Mermet, but of a fine, clear dark pink, much deeper and more constant in color than Mermet.  
**Captain Lefort.** Strong, healthy grower; color, a rich shade of violet-crimson, delicately tinted with rosy salmon; long, pointed buds.

**Comtesse de Frigneuse.** One of the finest pure yellow roses.  
**Etoile du Lyon.** A beautiful sulphur-yellow, deeper at centre; very large, double and deliciously fragrant.

**La France.** A delicate satin rose; large and full.

**Mad. Schwallier.** Blooming in large clusters; large, globular flowers; color, transparent salmon-rose, edged with carmine.

**Papa Gontier.** A very popular rose. The buds are large and long, a deep carmine-crimson color; strong, stiff and erect.

**Perle des Jardins.** A magnificent rose, of large size, handsome form, a beautiful clear golden-yellow color.

## POLYANTHA, OR FAIRY ROSES

PRICE.—Each, 10c.; 4 for 35c.

**George Pernet.** Medium size; very full; finely imbricated petals; full rose-color, delicately shaded with lemon.

**Mlle. Cecile Brunner.** Bright rose, yellow in the centre; flowers in clusters; very sweet.

**Miniature.** Very double, white flowers, sometimes tinged with pink. So free-flowering is this rose that the bushes are literally covered with the attractive little flowers.

**Mme. Parquerette.** Very dwarf and free-branching; pure white.

## HARDY CLIMBING ROSES

PRICE.—Each, 12c.; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

**Baltimore Belle.** Pale blush, medium-sized flowers; in clusters.

**Gem of the Prairie.** Bright rose-color; very fragrant flowers; charming.

**Greville, or Seven Sisters.** Flowers in large clusters, varying in color from white to crimson.

**Mary Washington.** Named in honor of George Washington's mother. It is a rapid and strong grower, bearing in great profusion large clusters of pure white, double flowers, which have a delightful fragrance.

## HARDY MOSS ROSES

PRICE.—Each, 15c.; 4 for 50c.; 10 for \$1.00.

**Blanche Moreau.** Flowers large and full; pure white.

**Countess Murinais.** White, with large, full blooms; fragrant.

**Glory of Mosses.** Rosy flesh, large, full flower.

**Perpetual White.** White flowers; free bloomer.

## CHOICE EVER-BLOOMING ROSES

PRICES.—Good, strong plants, by mail, post-paid, purchaser's choice, each, 10c.; 6 for 50c.; 13 for \$1.00. Our selection, 15 varieties, \$1.00.

**Agrapina.** Dark crimson; flowers freely; hardy; a good bloomer.

**Bella.** Pure snow-white; very double; makes a beautiful bush.

**Bon Silene.** Brilliant carmine rose; very full buds; handsome.

**Catherine Mermet.** Bright flesh color; very large and full; one of the most beautiful of its color.

**Charles Ravalli.** Large, globular flowers; full and very double; brilliant carmine, changing to silvery-rose; centre yellow.

**Christine de Neuch.** A new rose of great beauty. Color, rich crimson, shading to deep pink in the centre; vigorous growth.

**Coquette du Lyon.** Beautiful canary-yellow, very full and sweet; a vigorous grower and profuse bloomer.

**Countess Riza du Parc.** A bright coppery-rose color, shaded to a violet-crimson; very desirable.

**Clothilde Soupert.** Medium-sized flowers; pearly-white in color, deepening to rosy-pink at centre; sweet-scented. One of the most constant blooming roses we have; excellent for pot culture or massing in beds.

**Hermosa.** Hardy, clear rose, blooming continually in clusters.

**Isabella Sprunt.** Light canary-yellow; handsome buds.

**Mad. Margottin.** A beautiful dark citron-yellow, with bright red centre, very double; deliciously fragrant.

**Maman Cochet.** Deep rose pink, inner side of petals silvery-rose, very double, an exquisite rose in every way.

**Marchal Niel.** A bright golden-yellow; very large flowers; fine form; very fragrant; the best yellow rose. Each, 15c.

**Marie Guillot.** White, slightly tinted with yellow; very large and fine; a splendid bedder.

**Princess Hohenzollern.** A charming free-blooming rose; strong growth; flowers in clusters of a bright glowing red color.

**Rainbow.** A magnificent striped rose of strong, upright growth and dark, glossy foliage. The buds are large and pointed; color, deep pink, striped and marked with carmine.

**Souv. d'un Ami.** Bright rose; large form; very handsome.

## HYBRID TEA ROSES

PRICES.—Each, 10c.; 6 for 50c.; 13 for \$1.00.

**The Bride.** A lovely pure white rose of the Catherine Mermet type; very full and double flowers of the most exquisite fragrance.

## HYBRID PERPETUAL ROSES

PRICE.—Each, 12c.; 5 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.

**Alfred Colomb.** A splendid rose; large, globular, full and very sweet; bright cherry red, shaded with crimson.

**American Beauty.** A constant bloomer; strong and vigorous shoots; very double; extra large flowers; deep crimson.

**Anna de Diesbach.** Clear bright carmine; very large, finely shaped, full and deliciously fragrant.

**Captain Christy.** A lovely rose, blooming almost the entire season; very large double buds; fine flowers; deep flesh color.

**Coquette des Blanchés.** Snowy white, sometimes faintly tinged with pale rose; blooms in clusters; very profuse.

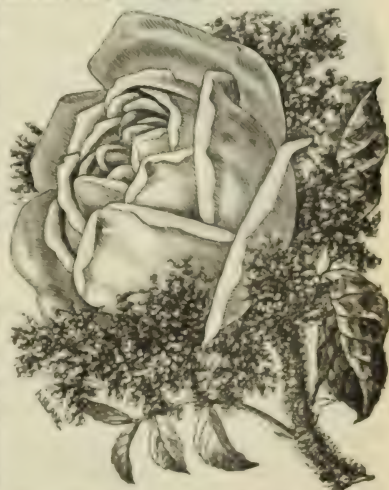
**General Jacqueminot.** A great favorite; large brilliant scarlet crimson flowers; very showy; good bloomer.

**Magna Charta.** Very large dark pink flowers, highly scented; strong, vigorous growth; one of the best hybrids.

**Mad. Planter.** Pure white; fine flowers; borne in clusters; highly scented; free bloomer; very handsome.

**Champion of the World.** Originated in Vermont. Cross between Hermosa and Magna Charta. Exceeds all hardy roses in freedom of bloom and handsome appearance. It will bloom all winter in the house, same as a Tea Rose.

**Perpetual White Moss.** Flowers large, double, a deep rosy-pink, deliciously fragrant.



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FOR NEW GOLDEN RAMBLER ROSE, SEE FIRST COVER PAGE.



# A Selected List of Choice Flowering Plants

THE FOLLOWING PRICES INCLUDE POSTAGE PREPAID BY US.



**Ardisia Crenulata.**

many clusters of coral-red berries, which remain on the plant not only for months, but often for years, so that it is always in fruit and foliage, and always beautiful. Each, 20c. and 40c., according to size.

## BEGONIAS—Flowering Varieties

Each, 10c.; 5 for 40c., or 12 for \$1.00, all labeled.

**Alba Pieta.** Dwarf; narrow leaves, spotted with white; flowers white.

**Diadema.** Deeply-cut foliage, olive-green, with silver dots.

**Metallica.** Erect-growing variety, with lustrous bronze-green leaves; dark red, depressed veins; dark rose.

**Rubra.** Tall-growing; dark green leaves; flowers scarlet.

**Vernon.** Free-flowering sort; pink and white flowers; handsome plants; excellent bedder.

## BEGONIA REX—Ornamental Leaved

We have a choice collection of varieties, which we cannot describe for lack of room, except the following, which are very peculiar and handsome. Each, 10c.; 6 for 50c.; 12 for \$1.00.



**Countess Louise Erdody.**

**Annie Dörner.** Deeply-notched leaves of medium size, borne on long stems; bright green, with dark brown centre and margin, flecked with silver spots.

**Bertha McGregor.** Large, deeply-notched leaves of striking appearance; small, dark centre; body of leaf silver, outlined with bronze. Each, 20c.; 3 for 50c.

**Countess Louise Erdody.** One of the handsomest and most peculiar of the Rex class; the large leaves have a most peculiar curl at the base; the colors are finely blended.

**La Peysons.** Very handsomely-marked leaves; centre is almost purple, shading off to a light green towards the edge; the entire leaf is covered with silver and rose-colored dots.

## CANNAS

Each, 10c.; 3 for 25c.; 6 for 50c.

**Queen Charlotte.** One of the handsomest Cannas introduced. The broad petals are very striking. A broad band of rich yellow encircles a brilliant red centre. Plant very dwarf.

**Childsii.** (The Tiger Canna.) Large yellow flowers, spotted crimson; three feet, six inches.

**Edouard Michel.** Rich salmon-scarlet, marked with yellow; four feet.

**Geoffrey St. Hillaire.** Foliage purplish-brown; flowers light salmon-scarlet; four feet, six inches.

**Madame Crozy.** Flaring scarlet; thin edge of golden yellow. One of the finest bloomers and most popular Cannas grown.

**Star of '91.** Very similar to Madame Crozy; more dwarf and a very good winter bloomer.

**ABUTILON.**  
Each, 10c.; 3 for 25c.

**Souvenir de Bonn.** New silver-leaved Abutilon. Each leaf is distinctly edged with a broad pure white band. The flowers are golden-yellow veined with scarlet; produced on long stems.

**Boule de Neige.** Pure white.

**Eclipse.** Dwarf; narrow foliage; calyx scarlet; corolla buff.

**Ardisia Crenulata.** — Japanese Christmas Berry. This charming house-plant is sure to give satisfaction. The white flowers, which themselves last for a long time, are succeeded by

## CARNATIONS

Each, 10c.; 6 for 50c.; 13 for \$1.00.



**Lizzie McGowan.**

**Fred Creighton.** Color similar to Grace Wilder; producing large flowers in great abundance.

**Silver Spray.** Robust, free-flowering; white variety.

**Tidal Wave.** Dwarf; bright rosy pink.

**Lizzie McGowan.** One of the best white varieties; flowers over two inches across, of the purest white, beautifully fringed and very fragrant; very prolific.

**Portia.** Intense scarlet; early and free bloomer.

**Richmond.** Very large, perfect flowers; brilliant carmine.

## CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Each, 10c.; 6 for 50c.; or 13 for \$1.00, except where noted.

**Ada Spaulding.** Color rich deep pink, shading in upper portion to the purest white; petals large, broad and solid.

**Ivory.** Ball of snowy whiteness; very large; blooms early.

**Kiota.** Petals incurved, making a ball of richest yellow.

**Lillian B. Bird.** Long tubular petals of shrimp-pink color.

**Louis Bohner** (The Pink Ostrich Plume). Color an exquisite shade of silvery pink, shaded lilac; petals incurved, covered with a fine down; very double.

**Mountain of Snow.** Pure white; large; an excellent variety.

**George W. Childs.** Deep, rich velvety-crimson; broad, stiff, reflexed petals; the best red up to date; heavy glossy foliage, growing close up to the flower, 15c.; 2 for 25c.

**Golden Wedding.** The color is a deep, bright gold, of shining texture; the petals are broad and long. Flowers ten to twelve inches in diameter and four to six inches in depth; perfect incurved, no eye showing. Each, 15c.; 2 for 25c.

**Wm. Falconer** (Ostrich Plume). Flowers of the largest size, borne on strong, vigorous stalks; color an exquisite rosy-blush, changing to flesh-pink. Each, 15c.; 2 for 25c.

## FERNS

**Adiantum Cuneatum** (The most popular Maiden-Hair). Long, graceful fronds, of a light green color, the most beautiful to mix with fine flowers. Each, 20c.

**Davillia Stricta.** One of the finest Ferns in cultivation; the fronds are of a strong texture and a beautiful shade of green. Each, 20c.

**Pteris Argyrea.** Large, bold foliage, broad band of white through the centre of each frond; one of the most useful. Each, 20c.

**Pteris Serrulata.** An excellent basket Fern; stands rough usage well. Each, 15c.

**Selaginella Emiliiana.** A most beautiful and distinct species of Club Moss; very graceful and bold in habit; grows about ten inches high. Each, 10c.

One each of the above Ferns for 75c.

Prices on other varieties of Ferns sent on application. All plants warranted to arrive in good condition.

FOR THE BEAUTIFUL CRIMSON RAMBLER ROSE, SEE FRONT COVER PAGE.



## FUCHSIAS

Price of all Fuchsias, each, 10c.; 6 for 50c.; 13 for \$1.00.

**Storm King.** The most graceful and the best of all double varieties; the drooping branches are covered with a mass of large double flowers the entire season; sepals white, tinged and edged with bright scarlet.



Single and Double Fuchsia.

large, very double and full, long deep tubes, and wide handsome corolla, rich bright crimson.

## GERANIUMS

Any one of the eight, 12c.; 5 for 50c.; set of eight for 75c. Other varieties, each, 10c.; 6 for 50c.; 15 for \$1.00.

**Benjamin Schroder** (Single). Flowers extremely large, of soft rosy-pink color, with distinct white blotch on the upper petals; of satiny texture; petals slightly recurving.



Wedding Ring.

## STANDARD SINGLE VARIETIES.

**Beauty of Kingess**, salmon-pink. **Gen. Grant**, scarlet. **Glory de Lyonnaise**, largest single scarlet. **Queen Olga**, pink. **Sam Sloan**, scarlet.

## DOUBLE VARIETIES.

**B. K. Bliss**, scarlet. **Bruant**, orange-scarlet. **Golden Dawn**, light orange. **La Favorite**, white. **La Pilote**, crimson scarlet. **Mary Hill**, dark salmon-pink. **Queen of Fairies**, flesh-colored. **White Swan**, white.

**TRAILING QUEEN.** A pretty weeping or trailing Fuchsia; fine for vases and pots; bright, rich scarlet and purple flowers borne in large, graceful clusters; perpetual bloomer.

**ARABELLA.** Pure white and deep rose; an early and abundant bloomer; very beautiful.

**Phenomenal.** A giant among Fuchsias, with the largest flowers of any; tubes and petals bright reddish-crimson; corolla beautiful violet purple.

**BLACK PRINCE.** A fine Fuchsia, tubes and petals bright cherry-red; very dark and rich.

**Jupiter.** New and extra

## VARIEGATED-LEAVED AND SCENTED VARIETIES.

**Happy Thought**, white centre; rosy-pink zone, 15c. **Mrs. Pollock**, golden tricolor, 20c.

**Mad. Silleroi**, Mountain of Snow, and others.

**Lemon-Scented**, Nutmeg, Rose, Skeleton Rose, Variegated Rose, leaves edged white.

**Pelargoniums**, or **Lady Washington Geraniums.** They have several choice varieties of this popular Geranium. They bloom very freely during the spring and early summer. Colors, scarlet with black markings, pink and maroon, pink and white, large scarlet flower. Each, 15c.; 4 for 50c.; unnamed.

## HELIOTROPE

**Albert Delaux.** The large, strong foliage is a bright golden-yellow, very pronounced, and marked with a delicate green; the trusses of flowers are large and a deep purple color.

**The Bride.** Large trusses of pure white flowers.

**C. Bernie.** Flowers very dark purple, with centre rose.

**Peruviana.** Pale lilac; the best grower; free-flowering.

**Queen of the violets.** Deep violet purple, with large white eye; very vigorous and free-flowering. Each, 10c.; 3 for 25c.

**Hibiscus. Chinese.** Shrubby plants, with glossy green leaves and the most brilliant large flowers; fine as a bedding plant or pot culture. Each, 15c.; 4 for 50c. **Single Red, Double Red, Double Yellow, Double Salmon.**



Single Hibiscus.

## HYDRANGEAS

**Paniculata Grandiflora.** One of the finest hardy shrubs in cultivation. The flowers, pure white, changing to pink, are borne on branches six to eight inches in length, which, drooping under the weight of the large flowers, gives the whole bush a delightful and pleasing aspect. They are entirely hardy. Each, 10c.; 6 for 50c. Larger size, 20c.; 3 for 50c.

**Otaska** (Not hardy). Immense branches of rosy carmine flowers. It blooms when quite small. Each, 20c.; 3 for 50c.

**Manettia Vine.** When only two or three inches high it bears, coral-red flowers, tipped with deep canary-yellow, begin to appear. Each, 10c.; 3 for 25c.

**Impatiens Sultana.** Continuously covered with brilliant, rosy scarlet flowers, one and a half inches in diameter. Each, 15c.; 2 for 25c.

**Oxalis Origiesi.** Entirely different from other Oxalis, in that it is of upright growth and in bloom the entire year. The foliage is of peculiar shape, fish-tail like; dark olive green upper surface and purple below; bright golden star-like flowers. Each, 15c.; 4 for 50c.

**Salvia Clara Redman.** Dwarf scarlet sage; more free-flowering than the common variety; grows eighteen inches high. Each, 10c.; 3 for 25c.

## PALMS

**Areca Lutescens.** Gracefully curved, beautifully divided leaves. Each, 30c.

**Cocos Weddelliana.** Unquestionably the most elegant and graceful Palm in cultivation. Each, 50c.

**Latania Barbonica.** Popular fan-leaved Palm. Each, 25c.

**Seaforthia Elegans.** Rapid grower, graceful foliage. Each, 50c.

**Pandanus Utilis.** (Screw Pine). Very ornamental and useful. Each, 30c.

One each of the above Palms for \$1.70.

## HARDY SHRUBS AND CLIMBERS

**COREOPSIS LANCEOLATA.** One of the best hardy perennial plants. The large, bright golden flowers are produced in great abundance from early summer until late fall. Each, 15c.

**Helianthus Multiflorus, Fl. Pl.** (Double Hardy Sunflower). The flowers are more like large, double Dahlias than a Sunflower; of dwarf habit, covered throughout the summer with bright golden-yellow flowers. Each, 15c.; 4 for 50c.

**HONEYSUCKLE HALLIANA.** Flowering at all seasons; nearly evergreen. The flowers are white on first opening, turning to a rich golden-yellow. Each, 10c.

**HONEYSUCKLE** (Golden-Leaved). Another hardy climbing Honeysuckle, beautifully mottled, golden-yellow leaves; flowers yellow and very fragrant. Each, 10c.

FOR THE NEW SILVER RAMBLER ROSE, SEE FRONT COVER PAGE.



# Wilson's Choice Summer Flowering Bulbs

The following varieties of spring and summer flowering bulbs comprise all the best and most popular kinds. They are all easily grown, cost but little, and quickly make a gorgeous display of beautiful flowers through the spring, summer and fall months.

## AMARYLLIS

**Atamasco.** Beautiful rosy white flowers, produced in abundance the entire summer. Each, 10c.; dozen, 75c.  
**Formosissima.** Bright scarlet, with golden dots. Each, 15c.  
**Johnsonii.** Dark red, white stripes; splendid. Each, 30c.  
**Vittata.** Clear white, with red stripes. Each, 40c.; 2 for 75c.

## NEW DWARF CALLA

**Little Gem.** This is an elegant New Dwarf Calla Lily, growing only about half as tall as the old kind, bears twice as many flowers, and blooms almost continuously. Very easily grown; splendid for pot culture. Each, 15c.; 2 for 25c.

**Black Calla** (Arum Sanctum). The magnificent flowers of this remarkable Calla are sweet-scented and often over a foot long, seven to nine inches across. Color the richest velvety black. Spadix rises ten inches and is ebony black. Each, 20c.

**Spotted Calla** (A. Maculatum Album). The dark green leaves are spotted with white. The shape of the leaf, with the pure white flowers, make a handsome plant. Each, 15c.; 2 for 25c.

**White Calla** (Lily of the Nile). Too well known to need description. Large bulbs, 20c.; small size, 15c.

**Caladiums** (Elephant's Ear). Plants of immense foliage; ornamental and attractive. Large bulbs, 20c.; smaller, 15c.

## CANNAS

The following are considered the cream of all the varieties of Cannas now offered. Each will be sent by mail, post-paid, for 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 10 for 75c. **Childsii.** Large, yellow flowers, spotted crimson; 4 feet. **Edouard Michel.** Rich salmon-scarlet; one of the best. **Goury.** Dark salmon, large, green leaves, handsome. **Madame Crozy.** Glaring scarlet, edged with yellow. **Star of '91.** Similar to Madame Crozy; more dwarf. **Antoine Chantin.** Orange-scarlet; 4 feet. **Enfant de Cahors.** Purple foliage; large, orange-carmine flowers.

## LILIES

**Lilium Auratum** (The Golden Banded Lily of Japan). The most beautiful of all lilies. The immense flowers are produced in great profusion, and deliciously fragrant. White, petals spotted with rich chocolate. By mail, each, 20c.; 3 for 50c.

**Candidum.** The best white lilies grown; many very fragrant, pure white flowers to a bulb. Each, 15c.; 4 for 50c.

**Speciosum Album.** The Speciosum Lilies are the most desirable of the whole section. Distinct, beautiful, free-blooming, pure white, and very fragrant. Each, 15c.

**Speciosum Rubrum.** Rose, spotted with crimson. Each, 15c.

**Madeira Vine.** A rapid-growing, graceful climber, bearing racemes of fragrant flowers, valuable for covering screens or pillars, etc. By mail, each, 10c.; 3 for 25c.

**Oxalis.** Summer flowering. 12 for 10c.; 25 for 15c.

## GLADIOLI IN MIXTURES

**White and Light.** All the lightest shades; some very nearly pure white. 6 for 30c.; doz., 50c.

**Salmon and Buff.** These are very pleasing colors in Gladioli. Best shades of yellow. 6 for 30c.; doz., 50c.

**Pink.** The very finest shades from light pink to deep rose; large flowers; handsome. 6 for 25c.; doz., 35c.

**Scarlet and Red shades.** The most intense scarlet; through all shades of red; very effective. Dozen, 25c.

**Striped and Variegated.** Fine, large spikes of highly-colored flowers. In some, the background is almost white, which is striped with crimson, while others have dark ground color, splashed with lighter shades. 6 for 30c.; doz., 50c.

**Extra Fine Mixed.** Our mixed Gladioli embrace a magnificent variety of all shades and colors. We offer large blooming bulbs at these remarkably low prices: Large bulbs, post-paid, 3 for 10c.; doz., 30c.; 24 for 50c.

## TUBEROSES

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(Large Double). Fine, large flowering bulbs. By mail, each, 5c.; 6 for 25c.; doz., 50c.

### TUBEROSE

(New Excelsior Double Pearl). The finest in cultivation, long spikes of large double flowers; extremely fragrant. Extra large bulbs, each, 8c.; 4 for 25c.; doz., 70c.

### TUBEROSE

(Variegated Leaved). Noted for the beautiful striped leaves and unusually fine fragrance of the single white flowers. Each, 10c.; 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c.

For 50c. we will send three large double-flowering, three New Excelsior Pearl and three Variegated-Leaved Tuberoses, by mail, post-paid.



## A REAL HARD-TIMES OFFER

The cheapest collection of flowering bulbs ever offered to the American people. Forty choice spring and summer blooming bulbs, by mail, for \$1.00. On receipt of \$1.00 we will send, by mail, post-paid, the following, all blooming bulbs: 4 Double Pearl Tuberoses; 4 Gladioli, mixed colors; 2 Hardy Lily Bulbs, choice varieties; 4 Apios Tuberoses, a beautiful plant blooms all summer; 12 Oxalis, mixed colors, very handsome, summer flowering; 2 each of the rare Mexican gems, Milla Biflora and Bessera Elegans; 2 Amaryllis Vittata, very handsome; 2 Atamasco, or Fairy Lilies, very rare; 2 Tigridias, extra choice flowering; 2 Calladium Gigantia, enormous leaves, two feet long, twenty inches across; highly ornamental; and one Montbretia, a splendid flowering bulb; hardy perennial; 2 Mexican Vines, beautiful climbing plants. In all 41 choice bulbs for \$1.00. We will send half the number of each, excepting Montbretias, for 50c.—Such an offer was never made before and, probably, will never be made again.

## OTAHEITE ORANGE

A beautiful little plant only fifteen inches high and is continually covered, winter and summer, with its sweet-scented flowers and beautiful golden fruit about two inches in diameter, a thin skin and are sweet and delicious. The flowers are extremely fragrant. Foliage rich dark green. Mail, each, 15c.; 4 for 50c.; 1 Guava, 1 Orange, for 25c.

## CATTLERY GUAVA

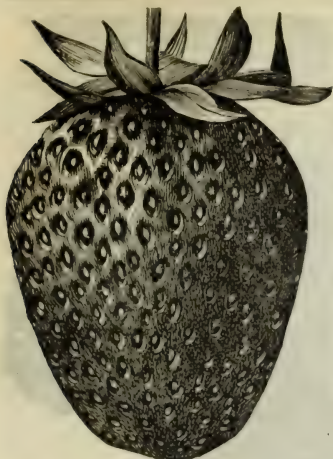
This is one of the most beautiful and useful little shrubs imaginable. They grow to the height of eighteen to twenty inches; commence to bear second year from planting and are never without their beautiful fruits and neat pure white flowers. It retains its rich glossy green foliage the year round and is the most charming and ornamental pot plant. The plants when only two years old are loaded with fruit and keep on bearing the whole season through. The fruit is excellent to eat from the hand and for making preserves. By mail, small trees, 15c.; 4 for 50c.



## TRIFOLIATE ORANGE.

The only orange that will stand our northern climate; grows to the height of fifteen feet but can be kept trimmed back. The foliage is small, deep green and beautiful. Fruit large, borne in abundance and highly prized as a substitute for lemons. It is also valuable as a hedge plant, retaining its green foliage till late in winter. Hardy anywhere. By mail, single plant, 15c.; two for 25c.; doz., \$1.00. By express, small plants, \$5.00 per hundred. We will send one each of the above three plants, by mail, prepaid, for 30c.





Magoon.

**THE MAGOON.** This grand new variety originated with Mr. Magoon, Portland, Oregon. The plant is a strong, healthy grower; perfect blossom. Berries large, fine form; firm, excellent quality, and immensely productive. One plant exhibited at the Fruit Growers' Association, Oregon, had on it 83 large ripe berries and 27 green ones. By mail, doz., 50c.; 100, \$2.00. By express, doz., 40c.; 100, \$1.50.

**THE BRANDYWINE.** Another modern variety of large size, fine form and great productiveness. The Brandywine has given universal satisfaction. An excellent market, or home garden berry, medium early; bright crimson color; firm. No small berries. Immense crops to the acre have been grown. By mail, doz., 50c.; 100, \$1.50. By express, doz., 40c.; 100, \$1.00; 1,000, \$5.00.

#### OTHER NEW VARIETIES

**Jersey Market, Michigan, Annie Kennedy, Australian Seedling.** All noted for their excellent quality, beautiful appearance and

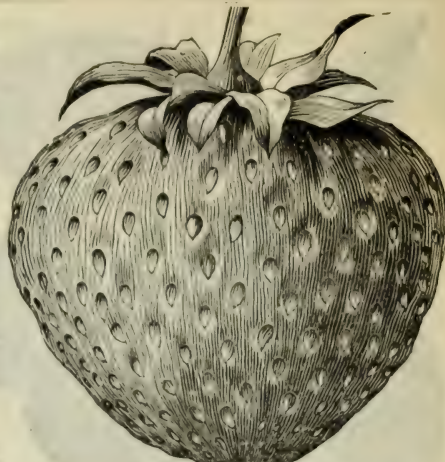
great productiveness. By mail, doz., 50c.; 100, \$3.00. By express, 100, \$2.00.

**MARSHALL.** A new variety of great promise, especially adapted to private gardens requiring rich soil. When given these, they will surprise every one with enormous crops of immense-sized berries of the most exquisite flavor and beautiful appearance. By mail, doz., 30c.; 100, \$1.25. By express, doz., 25c.; 100, \$1.00; 1,000, \$4.00.

**TIMBRELL.** One of our best late varieties, very large berries, deep crimson color, firm and solid; fine-flavored; immensely productive. Ten berries have made a quart and weighed 21 ounces. Don't miss the **Timbrell**. By mail, doz., 30c.; 100, \$1.25. By express, doz., 25c.; 100, 50c.; 1,000, \$4.00.

**BEVERLY.** A berry that should be found in every garden; noted for its large size, productiveness and good quality; medium to late. By mail, doz., 30c.; 100, \$1.00. By express, 100, 50c.; 1,000, \$4.00.

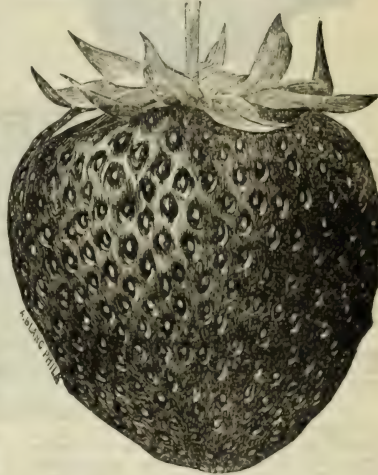
**ECLIPSE.** Medium early; large berries, generally borne in large clusters; prolific and fine-flavored. By mail, doz., 30c.; 100, 75c. By express, doz., 25c.; 100, 50c.; 1,000, \$3.50.



Brandywine.



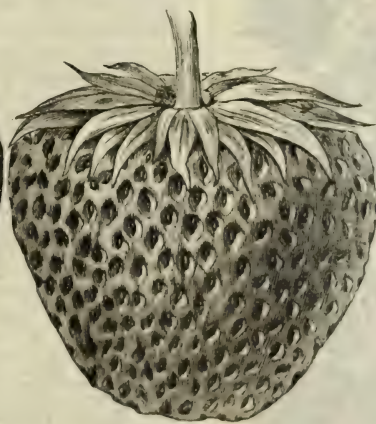
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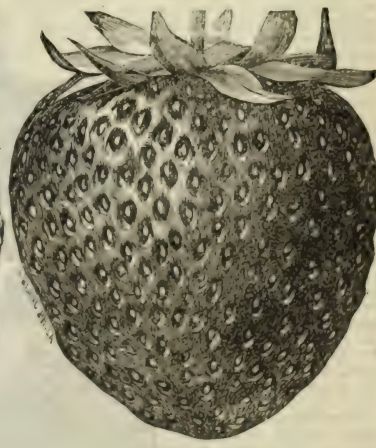
Marshall.



Michael's Early.



Bubach No. 5.



The Gandy.

**THE THREE LEADING VARIETIES OF STRAWBERRIES** are **MICHAEL'S EARLY**, **BUBACH** and **GANDY**. For general cultivation there is none better. **Michael's Early** is the earliest good strawberry grown; good size, good bearer. Ripens one week earlier than any other; always brings a high price. **Bubach No. 5.** Mid-season; large size; fine form and immensely productive, picking more quarts to a given space than any other; a splendid market berry. **Gandy.** Latest of all to ripen; immense size; fine form; good quality. We call these three our **ALL-SUMMER COLLECTION**. By planting all three you will have the best strawberries a long time. We offer each, post-paid, doz., 30c.; 100, \$1.00. By express, doz., 25c.; 100, 50c.; 1,000, \$3.50.

—We will send 12 of each variety (All-Summer Collection) for 80c., or 50 of each for \$2.00, by mail, post-paid.

**OTHER STANDARD VARIETIES.**—Charles Downing, Crescent, Lovett, Greenville, Parker Earle, Sharpless, Haverland, Shuckless, Wilson, Wolverton, etc. By mail, 25c. per dozen. By express, not prepaid, 50c. per 100; \$3.25 per 1,000.





Columbian.

## RASPBERRIES

We head the list with the **Great Columbian**. Nothing in the small fruit line, within the last ten years, has surpassed the **Columbian Raspberry**. Its strong, vigorous growth is only equaled by the immense load of fruit it bears. Plants set in the spring will attain the height of eight feet by fall, and the following year bear enormous crops of the finest and most luscious berries imaginable. The fruit is a dark wine-color, extra fine flavor, and has the desired advantage of remaining on the vines a long time in good condition. One single plant cut back to six feet has produced in one season twenty-three boxes of berries. By mail, single plants, 15c.; 2 for 25c.; 6 for 60c. By express, not prepaid, doz., \$1.00; 100, \$7.00.

The **Loudon** is a red raspberry of very large size, excellent quality and fine appearance; ripen in mid-season, the vines being literally loaded down with its luscious and attractive fruit. Prices same as Columbian.

### EVERBEARING RASPBERRY.

Wilson's Everbearing Raspberry is a beautiful blackcap variety, much larger than the Gregg and more productive. Their greatest peculiarity is that they bear all summer and fall. The canes which grew last year bear the first crop. After this, they die, while the young canes that have been growing continue to blossom and bear until killed by hard freezing weather. The last crop being larger than the first, berries ripening in October are the largest of any. They are hardy, productive, the best of all blackcaps. Price, by mail and express, same as Columbian.

**Royal Church**. This is a strong-growing variety of the Cuthbert type; perfectly hardy in any climate. The berries are larger than the Cuthbert, darker red, excellent quality and a heavy cropper; firm flesh and pleasant flavor. By mail, post-paid, 6 for 40c.; doz., 75c. By express, 100, \$3.00; 50 at 100 rates.

**Muskingum**. A grand new variety from Ohio. Berries extra large, dark color, firm, fine quality and very productive. Habits of growth similar to Royal Church. Price, the same.

**Cuthbert, Queen of the Market**, large red; well known; **Cromwell**, earliest blackcap; **Gregg, Souhegan, Kansas, Lovett**, all standard blackcaps. By mail, doz., 30c.; 2 doz., 50c. By express, 100, \$1.25; 1,000, \$8.00.



## BLACKBERRIES

We head this list with **Wilson's Oregon Evergreen Blackberry**. After six years' trial, it deserves to be placed at the head of all blackberries ever introduced into this country. The **Oregon Evergreen Blackberry** was first brought from the Sandwich Islands by a sea captain, who planted it in his garden at Portland, Oregon, from which our present stock has been grown. They are entirely different from all other blackberries, both in leaf and manner of growth. They should be trained to an arbor, like a grape vine, and the same wood will bear year after year. The leaves remain green all winter in sheltered localities. They are hardy, rapid growers, attaining the height of eight to ten feet the first season, and will soon cover a trellis twelve to fifteen feet high. They commence to bear the second year and produce most abundantly. We have sworn statements from reliable persons who have picked from three to five bushels in a single season from one vine. The fruit is large size, excellent quality, ripens medium early and bears continuously through the summer and fall. Two or three plants will supply a family with the most luscious blackberries all through the season. Single plants, by mail, 25c.; 3 for 60c.; 6 for \$1.00. By express, not prepaid, doz., \$1.00; 100, \$10.00.

**Early Harvest**. The earliest blackberries yet produced, ripening two weeks before other early varieties. Of medium size and unusually fine quality. Its greatest fault is its disposition to overbear. Very hardy. Post-paid, doz., 40c. By express, 100, \$1.00; 1,000, \$9.00.

**Kittatiny**. One of the best old varieties. Very hardy. Post-paid, doz., 45c. By express, 100, \$1.50; 1,000, \$12.00.

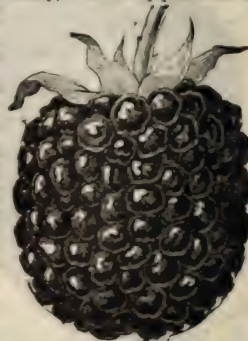
**Snyder, or Ironclad**. So named for its extreme hardiness. Will stand any climate; never fails to produce a crop of fine, large berries; extra fine flavor. Post-paid, doz., 45c. By express, 100, \$1.55; 1,000, \$12.00.

**Taylor's Prolific**. A fine, large berry, immensely productive, hardy, medium early, extra fine flavor. Post-paid, doz., 45c. By express, 100, \$1.50; 1,000, \$12.00.

**Erie**. Extremely hardy, free from rust, large, round berry, sweet and delicious; an immense cropper; in every way a first-class berry. Post-paid, doz., 50c. By express, 100, \$2.50.

**Wilson Junior**. The largest early blackberry; noted for its great productiveness, large size, fine flavor and earliness in ripening. Post-paid, doz., 45c. By express, 100, \$1.25; 1,000, \$12.00.

**Minnewaski**. A vigorous plant, perfectly hardy; enormously productive, extra large, fine fruit; ripens extremely early. A great market variety for the North. By mail, post-paid, doz., 50c. By freight or express, 100, \$2.00.



Erie.

### JAPANESE WINEBERRY.

Highly esteemed for table use, preserving, or wine-making. Immensely productive. Always brings a high price in the market. It differs from the ordinary raspberry in appearance and growth, and is much superior in quality, extremely hardy, easily grown. By mail, each, 10c.; 3 for 25c.; doz., 75c. By express, not prepaid, hundred, \$5.00; 50 at hundred rates.

For JAPANESE MAYBERRY, STRAWBERRY, RASPBERRY, and other new fruits, see page 5.



# FRUIT TREES, GRAPE VINES, ETC.

We are prepared to furnish all kinds of fruit trees at prices named below at proper seasons. We deliver goods securely and carefully packed on board cars and mail bill of lading from R. R. Agent to the buyer, after which our control and responsibility ceases. We make no charge for mailing-boxes, etc. We are able to get special low express rates on trees, plants, etc., and small lots should always be sent in that way. Large lots of 100 or more can safely be sent by freight. We give six at dozen rates and fifty at hundred rates. Our stock is warranted true to name, well-rooted and first-class in every respect.

Remittance must always accompany the order. No trees or plants sent C. O. D.

FOR THE WONDERFUL NEW BISMARCK APPLE, SEE PAGE 6, NOVELTIES.

## FRUIT TREES

**APPLES.** Six feet, stocky, straight, well-rooted. Each, 13c.; doz., \$1.25; 100, \$10.00.

**Summer Varieties.**—Red Astrachan, earliest and best; Red June, Early Harvest, sweet and sour; Sweet Bough, Yellow Transparent, good; Townsend, Summer Pearmain.

**Autumn Varieties.**—Maiden Blush and Smoke-House, two of the best; Rambo, Wealthy, Fall Pippin, Gravenstein, White Doctor, Fallowater.

**Winter Varieties.**—Newtown Pippin, King's Northern Spy, Baldwin, Ben Davis, Big Rambo, Grimes' Golden, Smith's Cider, the best and most profitable; R. I. Greening, Winesap, Roxbury Russett, Carthouse, Spitzenburg, Twenty Ounce Pippin, Gano, Rome Beauty, Seek-no-Further, and all other good standard sorts.

**CRAB APPLES.** Four to six feet; straight. Each, 15c.; doz., \$1.50.

**Varieties of Crab Apples.**—Hyslop, large, deep-red; handsome; Lady Elgin, good size, very handsome; Red Siberian, yellow, transparent; beautiful; small varieties; very productive.

**PEARS.** All good standard varieties; first-class; six feet. Each, 25c.; doz., \$2.50; 100, \$20.00.

**Varieties of Pears.**—Early Bartlett, Clapp's Favorite, Lawson, Manning's Elizabeth, (the earliest). Autumn Varieties.—Louis Bonne de Jersey, Seckel, Sheldon, Lawrence, Flemish Beauty, Howell, Idaho, Keiffer, Le Conte, etc. Dwarf Pears. All kinds. Each, 25c.; doz., \$2.50; 100, \$18.00.

For new pears, Lincoln's Coreless, Koonce, etc., see page 6.

**CHERRIES.** All standard sorts; four to six feet. Each, 20c.; doz., \$2.25; 100, \$18.00.

**Varieties of Cherries.**—Black Eagle, Gov. Wood, Yellow Spanish, early, good; Napoleon, May Duke, English Morello, Dye House, Coe's Transparent, Late Duke, Olivet, etc. Early Richmond Cherry. Best early pie-cherry; ripens two weeks earlier than any other; trees grow twelve to fifteen feet high. Always bear heavy crops. Each, 18c.; doz., \$2.00; 100, \$15.00.

**PEACHES.** First-class, four to six feet; well-branched. Each, 10c.; doz., \$1.00; 100, \$7.00. Second-class, straight; three to four feet; well-branched. Each, 8c.; doz., 70c.; 100, \$6.00.

**Varieties of Peaches.**—Early Alexander, Amsden June, Early Crawford, Early Canada, Medium, Mountain Rose, Old Mixon, stump the world; Globe, early riser; Freehold, Wonderful Crosbys, etc. Late Varieties.—Salaway, Morris County White, Lovett's White, Smocks (free), Late Crawford, Wheatland, Ward's Late, Steadly, and many others.

**PLUMS.** All standard kinds; five to six feet. Each, 25c.; doz., \$2.50; 100, \$20.00.

For new varieties, Japanese and other good plums, see page 5.

**APRICOTS.** Early Russian, Early Golden, Breda. Four feet. Each, 20c.; doz., \$2.00.

**QUINCES.** Three to four feet. Champion, Orange, Rea's Mammoth. Each, 25c.; doz., \$2.00. New Quinces.—Meech's Prolific and Fuller. Each, 40c.; doz., \$4.00.

**MULBERRY.** (Downing's Everbearing). A most prolific bearer; quality, the best; fruits all summer; large trees, six to seven feet; bearing. Each, 30c.; 2 for 50c.

## GRAPE VINES

The following list embraces about all the really good and reliable grape vines for home use or market purposes, (excepting the Lurie, Green Mountain and Early Ohio, which will be found priced and described on page 5.) Good strong vines of any of the following will be sent by mail, post-paid, each, 15c.; 2 for 25c.; 6 for 60c., or 10 for 80c.; your own choice. Please write for prices on large lots.

**Agawam.** Large dark red, sweet, productive and good.

**Catawba.** Main stand-by; sweet, rich and luscious; first quality.

**Champion.** Large, black berries, good quality; productive; hardy.

**Concord.** Everybody's favorite; never fails in any climate.

**Clinton.** Rapid grower; good, productive; late; good keeper.

**Delaware.** Sweetest grape grown; compact bunches.

**Diana.** Pale red, good size, sweet and rich; productive.

**Early Victor.** One of the earliest black, good size, good quality.

**Lady.** White, ripens early, sweet and delicious; never fails.

**Lady Washington.** Enormous clusters, green color, sweet.

**Martha.** Good size, white, very sweet and melting.

**Moore's Early.** Fine quality, ripens early, large, black, resembling Concord.

**Niagara.** Greenish-white large bunches, very sweet and rich.

**Perkins.** Handsome bunches, good quality, best for market.

**Hayes.** White; large bunches. Hardy and productive.

**Poklington.** Berries large, white, sweet and sugary.

**Salem.** Early, reddish-brown, great bearer; first quality.

**Wilder.** First quality, large black, very productive.

**Worden.** Similar to Concord, large compact bunches, good quality.

**CURRENTS.** North Star, large heavy bunches, large berries, sweet and rich. Said to be the most productive red current grown. By mail, one-year-old, each, 10c.; 3 for 25c.; doz., 80c. Two-year, by express, doz., 75c.; 100, \$6.00. Red Cherry, Red Dutch, Lee's Prolific, black; White Grape. Each, by mail, doz., 50c. By express, 100, \$2.50.

**GOOSEBERRIES.** Industry, best English variety, large size, fine quality, never mildews, always bears. One-year-old, by mail, each, 12c.; 5 for 50c.; doz., \$1.00. Two-year-old, by express, doz., \$1.00; 100, \$7.00; 50 at 100 rates. Houghton, Smith's Improved, both good. By mail, 6 for 40c.; 12 for 75c. Two-year-old, by express, doz., 50c.; 100, \$4.00.

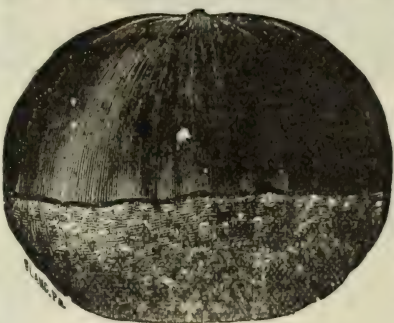
For the Great Utah Wonder and the Watson Tree Gooseberry, see yellow circular inside this catalogue.

## NUT TREES

Great attention is now being paid to nut-raising and it has been found to be very profitable. The United States import annually several million dollars' worth of nuts from Europe and other countries

which should and could easily be raised here. Below we list some of the most valuable sorts for general cultivation.

**Japanese Giant Chestnut.** This tree is of dwarfish habits, distinct from all other varieties. The tree is of rapid growth, attains the height of 18 to 20 feet, with a large spreading top. They commence to



Japanese Giant Chestnut.

bear very young and annually produce large crops of nuts of excellent quality and enormous size (see cut). Small trees, by mail, each, 20c.; 3 for 50c.; doz., \$2.00. Grafted, by express, not prepaid, three to four feet, ready to bear, each, 40c.; 3 for \$1.00; doz., \$3.50.

**PARAGON.** Said to be the largest chestnut in the world; nuts measuring seven to eight inches in circumference are not infrequent; the burrs hang on the tree like ropes of onions, each burr containing two to four, and sometimes six, large chestnuts. The Paragon is an improved Japanese variety only a few years in this country. Seedlings, by mail, each, 30c. Grafted, three to four feet, by express, each, 60c.; 2 for \$1.00.

**LARGE SPANISH.** Very large nuts, fully equal to the Japanese. Tree a rapid grower, attaining the height of twenty-five feet, with a wide spreading to make a handsome shade tree. The nuts are borne in great abundance and always command a ready sale at a high price. We have had single trees to produce ten to twelve dollars' worth of nuts in one season. Seedlings, by mail, each, 20c.; 3 for 50c. Grafted, three to four feet, 40c.; 3 for \$1.00.

**CHESTNUT SCIONS FOR GRAFTING.** The quickest and cheapest way to get these valuable chestnuts is by grafting small trees in young sprouts. They are easy to grow, bear second year from grafting and some make valuable trees. Scions, by mail, Paragon, each, 10c.; doz., \$1.00; Japanese and Spanish, each, 2 for 10c.; doz., 50c.; 100, \$2.25. Grafting wax, by mail, 1/4 lb., 10c.; 1 lb., 30c.

**ENGLISH WALNUTS.** Thin shell, very mealy, rich and nutritious. Small, by mail, each, 20c.; 3 for 50c. By express, six feet, each, 35c.; 3 for \$1.00.

**PERSIAN WALNUTS.** The largest soft-shell walnut known. Hardy; comes into bearing quite young and produces heavy crops of large, excellent nuts in clusters. By mail, each, 20c.; 3 for 50c. By express, four to six feet, each, 40c.; 3 for \$1.00.

**JAPANESE WALNUT.** Tree entirely hardy, a rapid grower; produces annually immense crops of nuts growing in clusters of fifteen and twenty each. The kernel is sweet, rich and nutritious. By mail, each, 20c.; 3 for 50c. By express, prepaid, three to five feet, each, 35c.; 3 for \$1.00.

**BLACK WALNUT, BUTTERNUT and SHELLBARK.** All valuable kinds, bearing annually heavy crops of excellent nuts, which always find ready sale at good prices. Four to six feet, each, 25c.; doz., \$2.50.

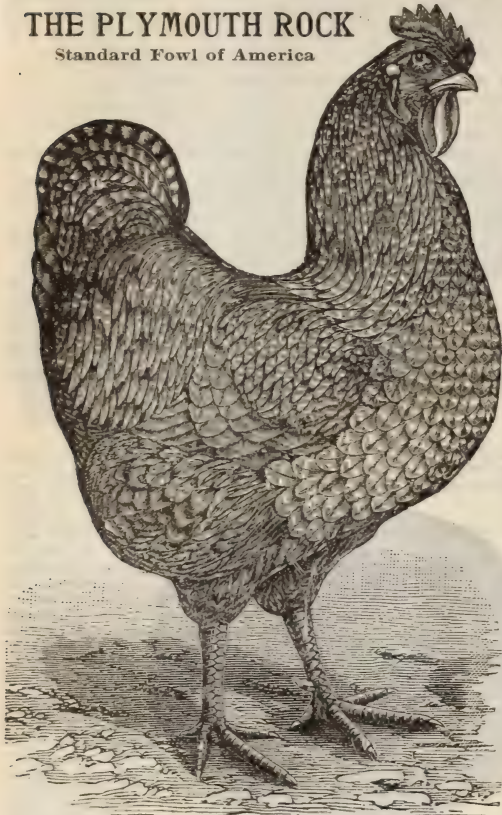


# WILSON'S THOROUGHbred POULTRY

THOROUGHbred POULTRY AND EGGS FOR HATCHING—A SPECIALTY

## THE PLYMOUTH ROCK

Standard Fowl of America



excellent fowl, the American Dominique to-day would have been known. They are the true parent of the well-known Plymouth Rock and have left their imprint on that valuable fowl by being crossed with the light Brahma. The color of plumage is grayish-white, regularly crossed with bars of blue and black, which gives them a very distinct and attractive appearance. Head, medium size; large bright eyes; combs, bright red; very double breast and body deep, round and compact. Legs and skin deep-yellow with an unusually upright and stylish appearance.

### ALWAYS HARDY AND FREE FROM DISEASE

One of the greatest peculiarities of the American Dominique is their extreme hardiness and early maturity. The young chicks are not troubled with the gapes like other fowls. Having a vigorous constitution, they are enabled to withstand this insidious disease which destroys so many young chicks of other breeds.

### STEADY ALL-WINTER LAYERS

**THE AMERICAN DOMINIQUEs**, with ordinary care and plenty to eat, will produce eggs the year round and are unequalled by any other fowl in this respect. When full-grown they will weigh from ten to twelve lbs. a pair, and owing to their extreme plump and handsome appearance when dressed, always command ready sale at high prices in the market. To sum up, they are the best money-making fowl in the country and were we to keep only one kind of fowls it would be the **American Dominique**. A thoroughbred Dominique rooster crossed with the ordinary barnyard fowl would add greatly to the value of the coming flock as it would give strength and vigor to the young chicks and insure a healthier constitution, freedom from disease and a quicker growth.

Price at express office, single cock, \$2.25; pair, cock and hen, not akin, \$4.00; trio, cock and two pullets, \$5.50.

Eggs for Hatching, 7 for \$1.00; 13 for \$1.75; 26 for \$3.00.

MR. SAMUEL WILSON, Sir:—Accept my thanks for the very liberal manner in which you treated me in regard to the egg question. I am more than satisfied. Although you are sometimes slow, you are always sure. Respectfully,

MRS. LETITIA M. GILKESON.

TRAVISVILLE, TENN., Oct. 12, 1896.

SAMUEL WILSON, Dear Sir:—The eggs you sent me last spring arrived in good condition. I set them under a hen and she brought me out eleven as pretty Dominique chicks as you ever saw. They were all exactly alike and I raised every one of them. While my other young chicks died with gapes and other diseases, the Dominiques grew up strong and healthy without anything ailing them. They are the nicest chickens I ever saw. Yours respectfully, JASON DILLINGER.

Raising thoroughbred poultry and eggs for hatching is a leading feature in our business and we claim to have as good a strain as can be found in this country. We keep several yards of each breed on as many farms and send out no stock akin. Our prices will be found low for first-class birds and we guarantee safe delivery. We ship in light wooden coops which insure low express rates. The buyer, in all cases, pays the express charges on all kinds of live stock.

**EGGS FOR HATCHING.** This is another very important branch of our business and we probably do as much of it as any house in America. We exercise the greatest care in sending out fresh and fertile eggs and our system of packing is such that our eggs will carry to any part of the United States in good condition. Last year we agreed to pay all express charges on eggs to any part east of the Mississippi River. This we found very unsatisfactory, both to the buyer and seller. This season we will make our prices lower and let our customers pay their own express charges. We pack in light baskets. This insures careful handling and very low express rates. Sometimes eggs are handled roughly on the cars and make poor hatches. In cases of this kind, and where less than five chicks are hatched from a setting of eggs with proper care, we will send another setting at half price, buyer paying express charges.

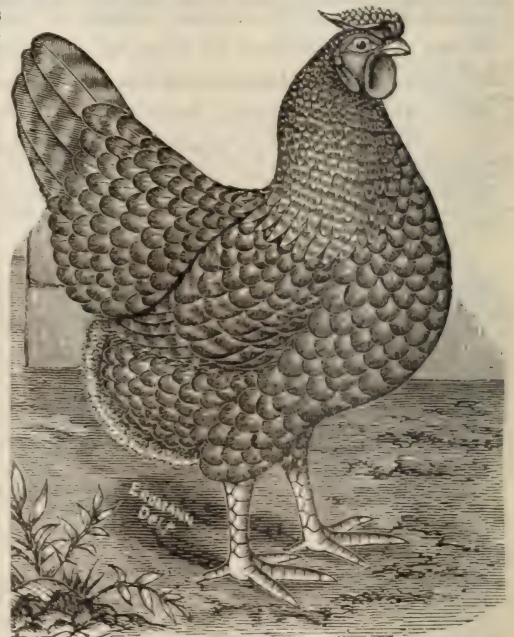
**THE PLYMOUTH ROCK** has become so well known as scarcely to need a description. Owing to their extreme hardiness, early maturity and quickness to feather up when young, they are very popular for those who raise broilers for an early market. The Plymouth Rock blend their colors into almost every bird they come in contact with, causing many to have their appearance, but at the same time little of the pure blood. "The higher the standard the better the fowl." The Plymouth Rock is of American origin, by crossing the Dominique with the Royal Black Java. Their color, solidity of flesh, quick growth, early maturity and splendid laying qualities take after the Dominique, while their large size and magnificent appearance resemble the Royal Java. They are hardy, quiet and docile. The hens make excellent mothers and good sitters. Their laying qualities are equal to any of the large breeds, and their eggs of extra size and superior quality.

Prices at express office here of Plymouth Rock fowls, cock, \$3.00; pair, cock and hen, mated, not akin, \$5.00; single cockerel, \$2.50; two, \$4.00; pair, cockerel and pullet, \$4.50; trio, \$6.00.

Prices of Barred Plymouth Rock Eggs for hatching. By express, 7 for \$1.00; 13 for \$1.75; 26 for \$3.00; 52 for \$5.25. Special prices for large lots.

## AMERICAN DOMINIQUEs

No other fowl has stood the test so long as the American Dominique. They are a native of the Island of Dominique and were highly prized by our forefathers more than one hundred years ago. When the craze came for the long-legged Shanghai and other ungainly breed of fowls, the Dominiques were almost forgotten and the breed became nearly extinct. Had it not been for a few admirers of this



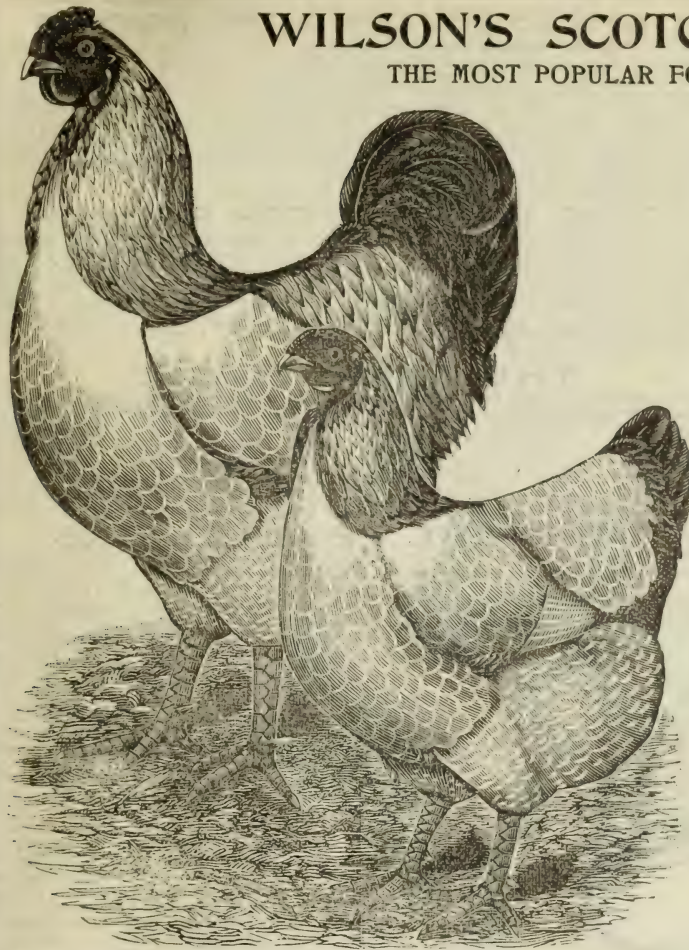
American Dominique Pullet.

TO MAKE HENS LAY IN WINTER, USE PRATT'S POULTRY FOOD. BY MAIL, 25c. lb.



# WILSON'S SCOTCH BRAHMAS

THE MOST POPULAR FOWL IN AMERICA



This magnificent and valuable breed of fowls is destined to take the place of other large varieties when once fully known. Having the advantage in form, weight and size, they also possess many superior qualities over any of the larger kind. The **Scotch Brahmas** are a cross between the Plymouth Rocks and the large White Brahmas, and while they partake of the immense size and early maturity of the Plymouth Rocks, their color and shape more resemble the light Brahmas. This valuable breed of fowls originally came from Scotland, and were first brought to the United States by a Scotch immigrant. They are extremely hardy and have never yet shown disease of any kind. The chicks are rapid growers, feather up quickly and will weigh two pounds each when eight weeks old. When four months old, they dress handsomely, clear of pin feathers, are tender and juicy, and will weigh from six to seven pounds each. Full-grown hens often weigh eight to ten pounds, and roosters have been known to weigh eighteen pounds. Their large and perfect forms, beautiful golden-yellow skin, when nicely dressed, reminds one of well-fattened beef. Their color is white, penciled with black on neck and wings. Their bodies are plump and round, very small boned, short legs, nearly free from feathers, which we consider a very important point. They are remarkably quiet, will bear confinement well. Their laying qualities are excellent. Our stock last year was quite limited and our customers often had to wait for their orders to be filled. This will not occur again. Their immense size, magnificent form and stately carriage, with their clean, white plumage, at a distance look like a flock of sheep. Price, per pair, \$4.50; trio, \$6.00. Eggs for hatching, 7 for \$1.00; 13 for \$1.75; 26 for \$3.00.

## BLACK MINORCAS

NORTHUP  
STRAIN

Pair, \$4.50.



The **Black Minorcas** are a well-established breed of fowls, having been admitted to the standard in 1888. Their plumage is a rich, glossy black. Single combs which, in the male, are large, erect, bright scarlet and closely serrated. In the female, it drops to one side when they are one year old. The face a coral-red, with white ear lobes. As a table fowl, they are excellent, being plump and meat of excellent flavor. They are fully equal to the Leghorns in producing eggs. The eggs are extra large size and fine flavor. Some writers claim that they are the best of all for layers. They will lay from 200 to 250 eggs a year. One breeder of Black Minorcas has even beaten this. The chicks are extremely hardy, mature early and make good broilers in ten to twelve weeks. They are fast becoming very popular as an egg-producing fowl. We have Northup stock, the best in the country. Price, pair, \$4.50; trio, \$6.00; single cockerels, \$2.50. Eggs for hatching, 7 for \$1.00; 13 for \$1.75; 26 for \$3.00.

## BROWN LEGHORNS

The Single-comb Brown Leghorns are generally acknowledged to be the leading egg-producing fowl in America. They are so well known that it is useless for us to give any further description. We will only say that we have as fine a strain of Brown Leghorns as can be found in this country. Their handsome appearance and stylish carriage endear them to the hearts of all. The young chicks grow up quickly. Roosters begin to crow at six weeks old and pullets to lay at four months old. They are all-year-round layers. Pair, \$4.00; trio, \$5.50; cockerel, \$2.25. Eggs for hatching, 9 for \$1.00; 15 for \$1.60; 30 for \$3.00.

## WHITE LEGHORNS

These are similar to the Brown Leghorns, except in color. They are fully equal in laying qualities. Hardy, perfect in form and shape; splendid layers, winter and summer; plumage snow white; large, red, upright, single combs, white ear lobes, bright, yellow legs and plump bodies. Price of fowls and eggs, same as Brown Leghorns.





White P. Rock Cockerel.

## WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS

These fowls have become very popular and are preferred by many over the Barred Plymouth Rock. They grow and feather up quickly; dress nicely for market and make splendid layers when six months old. They are a very handsome fowl. Their plump upright bodies, combined with their spotless snow-white plumage, clean golden-yellow legs, bright red wattles and combs, give them a very handsome and attractive appearance. Their flesh is tender and juicy when cooked, and owing to their thin, rich yellow skin, makes them a valuable market fowl. They are also good layers and steady sitters. Weight about the same as the Barred Plymouth Rock. Pair, mated, not akin, \$5.00; trio, \$6.50; cock, \$2.50.

Eggs for hatching, 7 for \$1.00; 13 for \$1.75; 26 for \$3.00.

## THE WYANDOTTE FOWLS

This breed has become very popular among the farmers as a general all purpose market and laying fowl. They are extremely hardy; excellent layers; plump round bodies; short legs; easily fattened. Weighing, when full-grown, from ten to twelve lbs. a pair, and owing to their rich yellow skin, make the nicest kind of a market fowl. The Wyandottes are divided into three classes: White, silver-spotted and golden-spotted. All similar in form and appearance excepting their plumage. We offer eggs for hatching from either variety as follows: 7 for \$1.00; 13 for \$1.75; 26 for \$3.25. No fowls to offer.

## THE GAME FOWLS

These are also divided into three classes: The Indian or Cornish Game, the Black-Breasted Irish Game and the Irish Duckwing Game. The former is greatly valued by many as a market fowl, growing to a large size, and their meat is exceedingly firm, rich, juicy and tender when cooked. The two latter are highly valuable to cross with the common barn yard fowl and are much sought after by sportsmen for Pit purposes. The latter practice, we are happy to say, is fast becoming obsolete. We offer eggs for hatching from the best strain of the above-named game fowls as follows: 7 for \$1.25; 13 for \$2.25. Could supply a few choice cockerels of each for \$3.00.

## IMPERIAL PEKIN DUCKS

When raising poultry for profits is the object, no other land or water fowls can compare with the Imperial Pekin Ducks. They are extremely hardy, easily raised,

entirely free from gapes or any kind of disease, requiring no water, excepting for drinking purposes, grow up quickly, and command a better price and a readier sale than any other kind of poultry. Any one having a small piece of ground can raise

Imperial Pekin Ducks. They are remarkably quiet and docile, thrive well in close quarters, and are considered a great delicacy for squabs when only half grown. The Imperial Pekin Ducks originally came from China, where they are raised in large quantities, and are the main source of revenue to a large class of the Chinese people. Their plumage is snow white. They are nearly as large as geese, and their feathers equally good for beds, pillows, etc. They are great layers. Ducklings hatched in February have been known to commence laying in August, and to produce over two hundred eggs in one year. The eggs are large, rich, and nutritious. We believe more clear money can be made in raising Imperial Pekin Ducks than in any other branch of farming. Our stock has been bred from the original importation. Single drake, \$2.50; pair, hen and drake, not akin, \$4.50; trio, drake and two hens, \$6.50.

Eggs for hatching, 7 for \$1.00; 11 for \$1.50; 22 for \$2.75.

## WHITE PEARL GUINEAS

The white guineas are much superior to the speckled kinds in many respects. They are larger in size, more hardy, grow up quicker and better layers. Another great advantage they have over the colored varieties is that they are more easily domesticated; keep closer to home, and consequently their eggs and young are not as liable to be devoured by hawks and crows. We offer the genuine breed for \$2.75 a pair; \$3.50 a trio.

Eggs for hatching, after May 1st, 7 for \$1.00; 13 for \$1.75; 26 for \$3.00.

## WILSON'S MAMMOTH BRONZE TURKEYS

Our Mammoth Bronze Turkeys are noted for their large size, strong constitution, quick growth and



handsome appearance. This we attribute to wild blood being infused into the flock. Two years ago we obtained a wild Mammoth Bronze Tom hatched from wild turkeys' eggs found by a gentleman in the woods in Missouri. When this bird was sent to us at one year old he weighed over thirty-five pounds, being thin in flesh. By crossing this Wild Mammoth Bronze Tom with our domestic Mammoth Bronze breed, we not only added size and weight to our flock but also strength, vigor of constitution and quickness of growth. We offer the offspring of this improved breed of Mammoth Bronze turkeys at the following prices: Single tom, first-class, \$7.00; pair, tom and hen, not akin, \$11.00; trio, tom and two hens, \$15.00. Can furnish a limited number of eggs for hatching from this mammoth breed as follows: 6 for \$2.50; 11 for \$4.00.

## CHESTER WHITE PIGS—Registered Stock

Our Chester White pigs cannot be excelled and we think are equal to any in this country. They are all thoroughbred, entitled to registry and noted for large size, strong bone, broad level back, straight deep body, square and nicely turned hams and shoulders, short nose, small ears and drooping, skin and hair fine and white, strong limbs, strong constitution and quick maturity. They will fatten when quite young and can be made to weigh 700 pounds. Single pig, male or female, 8 weeks old, \$5.00; pair, not akin, \$15.00. Single pig, 12 weeks old, \$10.00; pair, not akin, 12 weeks old, \$18.00.

**RUST-HAVEN'S ROUP PILLS** never fail to cure ROUP IN FOWLS. By mail, 25c. per box.



# Wilson's Celebrated Buff-Colored Fowls

The Buff-colored Fowls have become all the rage with poultrymen; and well they may be, as they are certainly the handsomest fowls in America. They are all good layers, have a rich yellow skin and dress handsomely for market. It is claimed by many writers that the **Buff-Colored Fowls** are more hardy than other varieties, having soft, downy feathers under the outer covering, making them impervious to cold and sudden changes in the weather.

## Buff Cochins

are nearly as large as Brahmas, but different in shape, being deeper and broader astern than the Brahmas. They are growing more popular every day, and too much cannot be said about the excellence of this variety. There is no

breed that is more thoroughbred or more admired by all lovers of fine poultry. Considering them from a standpoint of utility, they fill the bill. The American Buff Cochins Club is doing much to advance them, and the secretary of the club says he will have them at the head of the list before long. Uniting great size, hardiness and much more than the average egg production in the same size fowl, Buff Cochins have a strong claim upon that class of people who desire to make money out of a few hens; while their majestic form and exquisite color make them much admired. The plumage is a clear, beautiful shade throughout, the neck, saddle and tail-coverts being of a darker and richer shade in the cock. By careful mating and breeding, they have reached a high state of perfection. Full-grown cocks weigh from nine to eleven pounds, and hens from seven to nine pounds. The abundant covering of down-like feathers renders them less sensitive to extreme changes during the winter months, hence they are reliable egg-producers during cold weather. The Buff Cochins are very docile, and a very domestic fowl, does not fly high, nor wander far, is a faithful sitter and a careful mother. Eggs for hatching, 6 for \$1.00; 13 for \$2.00.

## Buff Plymouth Rocks

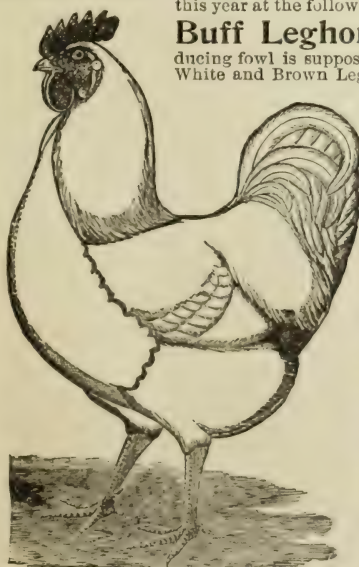
are another valuable breed of fowls that have lately become very popular. They are a cross between the **Barred Plymouth Rock** and the **Buff Cochins**. While in size and stylish appearance they resemble the **Barred Plymouth Rock**, in color they take after the **Buff Cochins**, being of a beautiful shade of buff, with yellow ear lobes, bright red



comb and rich yellow legs, which gives them a remarkably handsome appearance. The **Buff Plymouth Rocks** are very hardy fowls, grow up quickly and make nice broilers when only three months old. When full grown, cocks will weigh nine to ten pounds and hens from seven to eight pounds. They are exceptionally good layers, good sitters and careful mothers. Owing to their plump, solid bodies and rich yellow skin, they dress unusually handsome for market. The **Buff Plymouth Rock** fowl is yet very scarce. Single cockerels frequently bring from ten to fifteen dollars each. We offer **Buff Plymouth Rock** eggs, for hatching, this year at the following prices: 6 for \$1.00; 13 for \$2.00. No fowls to offer.

## Buff Leghorns.

This valuable and wonderful egg-producing fowl is supposed to be a cross between the White and Brown Leghorns and well resembles both its parents in everything except color. They are noted for their quick growth, extreme hardiness, upright and stately carriage, beautiful appearance and wonderful laying properties. It has been said by some experienced poultry breeders that the **Buff Leghorn** hens, under the most favorable conditions, will lay 300 eggs in 365 consecutive days. Their eggs are fair size, a pearly white color and extremely rich and nutritious. Their color is a beautiful buff, slightly deeper in some than others. This, when contrasted with their deep red wattles and attractive, single, upright combs, gives the birds an unusually handsome and attractive appearance. The young chicks mature very early and young pullets have been known to commence laying when only three months old. They are almost absolutely non-sitters, and will continue to lay day in and day out the season through, excepting when moulting their feathers. We predict a great demand for



Buff Plymouth Rock.



Buff Leghorn.

these valuable fowls in the future. Eggs for hatching, 7 for \$1.00; 13 for \$1.75; 26 for \$3.00; cockerel, \$2.50; pair, \$1.50; trio, \$6.00. SEVEN EGGS EACH, OF ALL THE ABOVE BUFF FOWLS, FOR 25c.; 13 OF EACH FOR \$4.00.







# OUR HARD TIMES COLLECTION FOR 1897

THE VERY BEST THAT CAN POSSIBLY BE OFFERED

Cheaper than Government seeds at a gift. Why? Because we give you the best and those that are sure to grow.

The Choicest and Most Reliable Seeds at Your Door for Two Cents per Packet.

It has been our custom for the last fifteen years to make a special offer in our annual catalogue of a collection of garden and flower seeds at prices much below our catalogue rates. The reason we do this is that we grow some varieties of seeds in much larger quantities than others. And instead of selling this surplus to the wholesale dealers, we offer them to our customers at half-out rates, thus giving them the benefit of the wholesale prices. As these collections are all put up ready for mailing, in no case can they be changed. The packets are of regular size and contain nothing but the best and choicest varieties. **Twenty-six full-sized packets sent, by mail, prepaid, for sixty cents, or two collections for \$1.00.** Thus by two persons joining and sending us \$1.00, they will get the best seeds for less than two cents per packet. **This is better than poor Government seeds at a gift.**

On receipt of sixty cents, we will send, by mail, one packet of each of the following seeds or two collections for \$1.00.

Wilson's Extra Early Turnip-Beet. Earliest and best.  
Wilson's Half-Long Winter Beet. Best for winter.  
Best Early Variety of Sugar Corn.  
Best Medium to Late Sugar Corn.  
Best Variety of Extra Early Cabbage. Good, solid heads.  
Best Variety of Winter Cabbage. Fine, large, solid heads.  
Wilson's Extra Early Cucumber. Earliest and best.  
Best Late Cucumber for Pickles. Very productive.  
Best kind of Lettuce, both for heading and cut lettuce.  
Best and Earliest Watermelon. Sweet and good.  
Duke Jones Watermelon. Fine quality; weighs 100 lbs.  
Best and Finest Quality Muskmelon grown.  
New Italian Onion. Grows three pound onions from seed.

Wilson's Long-Keeping Yellow Danver's Onion.  
Improved Hollow Crown Parsnip. Sweetest and best.  
Best kind of Pie Pumpkin. New; keeps all winter.  
Wilson's Improved Long Scarlet Radish. Best; earliest.  
Best Variety of Radish for summer and fall use.  
New Golden Custard Squash. Best summer variety.  
New Orange Marrow Squash. Keeps all winter.  
Early Dwarf Champion Tomato. Large size; extra good.  
New Everbearing Tomato. Fine quality; constant bearer.  
Improved Strap-Leaf Turnip. Earliest and best.  
Improved Yellow Ruta-Baga. Best for table use.  
Golden California Pop-Corn. For the boys; extra good.  
Sample Packet of the Wonderful Thousand Fold Corn.

In all twenty-six packets of the best seed, worth at retail \$1.25, for sixty cents; two collections for \$1.00.



## Wilson's \$1.00 box of Seed and Potato Another Cheap and Valuable Offer

Within the last twenty years we have introduced many new and valuable kinds of potatoes. Some of these have since been grown for a main crop potato in every State of the Union and have put hundreds of dollars in the pockets of our farmers. The way we have generally introduced these potatoes so widely is to put one medium sized tuber in **our dollar box of seed** (see cut). This \$1.00 box of seed contained from **thirty-five to forty** packets of the choicest garden and flower seed with the potato in **free**. These were sent, by mail, prepaid, to any part of the United States or Canada. As the times are hard and money scarce now, and as we want to introduce this year, the **Adirondac and Great Divide**, (see next page of this circular), we will make the **FOLLOWING REMARKABLY LOW OFFER**: For eighty cents we will send, by mail, prepaid, the above sixty-cent collection, twenty-six packets of garden seeds and the twenty-five-cent collection of flower seeds named below and one medium sized tuber of either the **Adirondac** or the **Great Divide** potato, your own choice. And to still further interest our customers in these two new potatoes and to see what high culture will do, we will pay to the one who raises the largest number of pounds from the single tuber contained in this eighty-cent box of seed, \$15.00, to the one raising the second highest number of pounds, \$10.00, the one raising the third highest number of pounds, \$5.00. Proper evidence, with two disinterested witnesses, will have to accompany the application for premiums. Reports should be sent in by December 1, 1897.

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## Wilson's Collection of Rare and Beautiful Flower Seeds for 1897

Fifteen packets of Choice Flower Seeds, by Mail, for 25c.—Actual worth, \$1.00.

We still continue to raise choice flower seeds. Although at the price paid for labor in this country there is very little profit in it, as they can be bought in Europe, where labor is so much cheaper, for about half what it costs to raise them here. But we like to see them grow, besides we know what we are selling when we raise them ourselves. The following varieties have mostly been grown by us this season, and we offer them to our customers for just about what it cost to grow and put them up ready to sell. Full directions on each packet for cultivating.

**Asters.** Best mixed; comprising **White Branching**, **New Rose**, **Coral Gem**, etc.  
**Balsams**, Wilson's **Superb Mixed**. Extra large, double flowers, all fancy colors.  
**Bryonia-Lancinniosa**. A beautiful, climbing house plant, neat foliage, charming flowers.  
**Celosia**, **Glasgow Prize**. Finest of all coxcombs; deep red; velvety; very handsome.

**Calendula**, **Prince of Orange**. Bright, gorgeous, golden flowers; blooms summer and fall.  
**Cosmos**, **New Golden-Yellow**. Compact bushes, eighteen inches; covered with neat golden flowers.  
**Helichrysum**, **Everlasting Flower**. Beautiful mixed; bright colors.

**Hibiscus**, **New Golden-Eyed**. Flowers four inches across; a perennial; very beautiful; four feet.

**Poppy**, best mixed varieties. **Fairy Blush**, **Golden Gate**, **Victoria Cross**, **Pride of Asia**, etc.  
**Petunia**, choice mixed. Striped, blotched and self colors; very attractive.

**Pansies**. Most popular of all flowers. Best German, mixed; large flowers; bright colors.

**Phlox Drummondii**, Wilson's **Superb Strain**. Large flowers, all bright colors.

**Verbena**, **New Mammoth**. Beautiful trusslets; large flowers, all fine, bright colors.

**Sweet Peas**, **Eckford's Finest Mixed**. Always in demand; everybody's favorite.

**Zinnias**, **Mixed**. Large Flowering and Small Pompones. All bright and rich colors.

**One Packet of Ornamental Grass**. Easily raised; beautiful for ornamental purposes, decorations, etc.

In all fifteen packets of choice flower seed for 25c.; five collections, \$1.00.



Glasgow Prize.

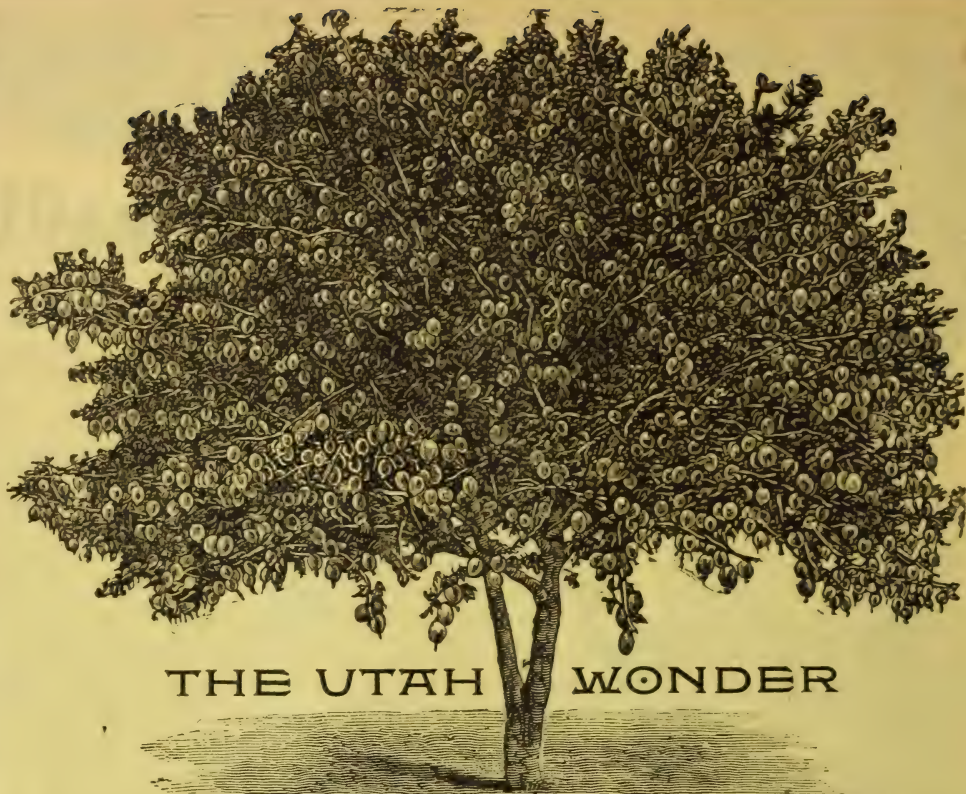


Bryonia-Lancinniosa.

All the above 41 packets of Garden and Flower Seeds with Potato, sent prepaid, for 80c.; two boxes, \$1.50.



This illustration is a true copy made from a photo. of a Watson Seedling Gooseberry Tree grown in Utah, 8 yrs. old, 4 1/2 ft. high, 4 1/2 ft. through, from which 50 quarts of ripe gooseberries were picked in one season, 1893. The cut is made representing a measurement of one inch to the foot. Photo'd when berries were ripe and fully grown.



## THE UTAH WONDER

**The Watson Seedling Tree or Utah Wonder** Gooseberry originated with two brothers, William and Andrew Watson, Provo City, Utah, who are large gooseberry growers. In 1879 they noticed a tall, slender seedling growing among their gooseberry bushes, which they carefully guarded until two years old, when they were rewarded by seeing a well-formed tree laden with fruit much superior to any they had ever seen. They at once commenced propagating from this tree until they had enough to plant a good-sized gooseberry orchard, and the greatest peculiarity was that each plant grew in a **perfect tree-like form**.

Learning of this wonderful novelty in 1893, we purchased the whole stock of plants the Messrs. Watson had to sell, with the sole right to propagate and sell these gooseberries in the United States, for which we paid them **Twelve Hundred Dollars**. We have been growing them ever since and find that in all respects they come up to and even surpass the claims made for them by the originators. They are annual bearers, fruit very large, averaging 1 3/4 inches in length and 1 1/4 inches in width. Owing to their large size, beautiful appearance and extra fine quality, they bring four to six cents per quart more than any other gooseberry. Our stock is limited. By mail, prepaid, small trees, each, 60c.; 2 for \$1.00. By express, not prepaid, bearing trees 2 1/2 feet high, 75c. each; 3 for \$2.00.



## October Cherry.

To gather ripe and luscious cherries from the trees in October you would think was impossible; yet this can now be done, owing to the wonderful skill of the celebrated German pomologist, Mr. L. Spath, who, by careful hybridization and years of patient labor and the expenditure of thousands of dollars, has produced this remarkable new cherry. Although offered this year for the first time, it has been thoroughly tested with the most satisfactory results. The tree is perfectly hardy, easily transplanted, a rapid grower, commences to bear quite young, and immensely prolific. The fruit is large (see cut), a bright red color, small pit and most delicious to eat from the hand, having a delightful sub-acid, pleasant flavor. For cooking or market purposes, they are unsurpassed. Small trees, by mail, post-paid, each, 40c.; 3 for \$1.00. By express, four feet, each, 50c.; 3 for \$1.25.



• WILSON'S ORDER SHEET FOR 189 •

**Very Important!** No matter how often you write to us always give your full Name, Post Office, County and State as plainly as possible. When goods are to be sent by freight or express do not fail to give name of Freight or Express Office, with County and State of same. Express charges on heavy goods for long distances are very high, and when such goods are wanted by express charges must accompany order or they will be sent by freight.

IN ALL CASES WE GUARANTEE SAFE DELIVERY.

Remittance can be made by Money Order, Postal Note, Registered Letter, Express Money Order, Bank Draft, or Check from responsible parties. Postage stamps, in good order, taken same amount. One or two dollars can be sent in a sealed envelope at our risk. The cost of money orders or registering can be deducted from the bill. Please make all communications separate—this sheet to be used only for the order. Address all letters to Samuel Wilson, Mechanicsville, Bucks county, Pa. All American money orders made payable at the same place. All foreign money orders made payable at Doylestown, Pa.

Date.....

AMOUNT OF MONEY  
ENCLOSED.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cash - " - 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office

P. O. Order - 8

County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. M. Order - 3

Forward by { MAIL, FREIGHT }  
OR EXPRESS. {

Postal Note - 8

Ex. or Freight Office.

Draft - - - \$

County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Stamps - - \$

Total - - 3

When seeds are ordered to be sent by mail, in quantities of pounds or quarts, add to Catalogue price at the rate of eight cents per pound or ten cents per quart to pay postage—unless otherwise noted.

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IN ORDERING FLOWER SEEDS GIVE CATALOGUE NUMBER.



IN MAKING OUT YOUR ORDER, PLEASE GIVE THE PRICE.







**GERMAN OR BELGIUM HARES.**

ants. Their ears are longer, eyes larger, head more rounded, and they are more active than those in France and Scotland. They are nearly three times as numerous as the other two breeds and thrive in close quarters. They require but little food and are very prolific, commencing to breed at a year of age and to ten at a time. Their color is a brown and will weigh from ten to twelve pounds. They are easily raised and free from disease. Any one who has seen them in season. Any one in the market, when game is at a farm, and what generally goes to waste about a farm, and the price of a full-grown Hare in market is about \$1.00, and they are eagerly sought for by picnics and restaurants. We know of no more profitable and pleasant employment than rearing and keeping German Hares. We have known persons who started with a pair or trio in a short time to raise a stock of seventy-five to one hundred Hares, which are worth, at a new calculation, \$1.00 each.

GERMAN HARES AND THE "RURAL  
NEW YORKER."

The *Rural New Yorker*, a so-called agricultural paper, published in New York City, a few years ago took exceptions to what we said about the Englishman Hares their value as a market product, productiveness, etc. To show how much reliance can be placed on this agricultural journal, we herewith quote some extracts from the same paper of August 8, 1881: "**Rabbit Farming**—On the *Program of the Agricultural Banquet* held at Cornell University, rabbits held an honorable place. Well they might, as a well-fed rabbit is good eating, and sells well in market in the proper season. The French and Belgian peasants frequently send two hundred tons of rabbit meat to the London market. In ten months ending last October, \$1,370,000 worth of rabbit meat was sent to England from various parts of Europe. This same paper, quoting Major Morant, who is authority on rabbit culture, says: 'It would probably surprise many people to be told that a couple of doe rabbits, weighing from seven to eight pounds each, will produce a kilogram greater weight of meat than a couple of ewes weighing sixty to seventy pounds each. But it is quite common for two does to rear fifty young in a year, which, if kept till they weigh six pounds each, would weigh three hundred pounds, while the two ewes would be fortunate if they rear three lambs, which, when a year old, will weigh seventy pounds each.' And according to the *Rural New Yorker*, Mr. Morant further says: 'We had a doe that had a litter of eleven young, which weighed sixty pounds when fourteen weeks old, and sold for \$8.90, a couple. In 1883 we had eight does, in 1885 the entire stock from them was over two thousand rabbits.' This statement of Major Morant who, the *Rural New Yorker* says, is a man twenty years ago, and who so excited the interest from France, Belgium and Scotland, and is precisely what we think, a stock ample to fill all our markets, and two does, not akin, \$600; each additional



wonderful paper that it tried to make out such a thing was impossible. Nine-tenths of the rabbit meat that is sold in the London market comes from France, and I am sure you are quite ac-  
cidentally the same as our German or Belgium Hares. The past season we have been unable to supply the demand for these Hares, so think, a stock ample to fill all orders in rotation  
as received at the following prices : Bucks, ten months old, crossed with imported stock, each, \$2.50; pair, buck and doe, not akin, \$4.00; trio, buck and two does, not akin, \$6.00; each addi-  
tional doe, \$2.25. An English work on Rabbits, 350 pages, sent by mail, post-paid, for \$1.50. For instructions on breeding, see other side.